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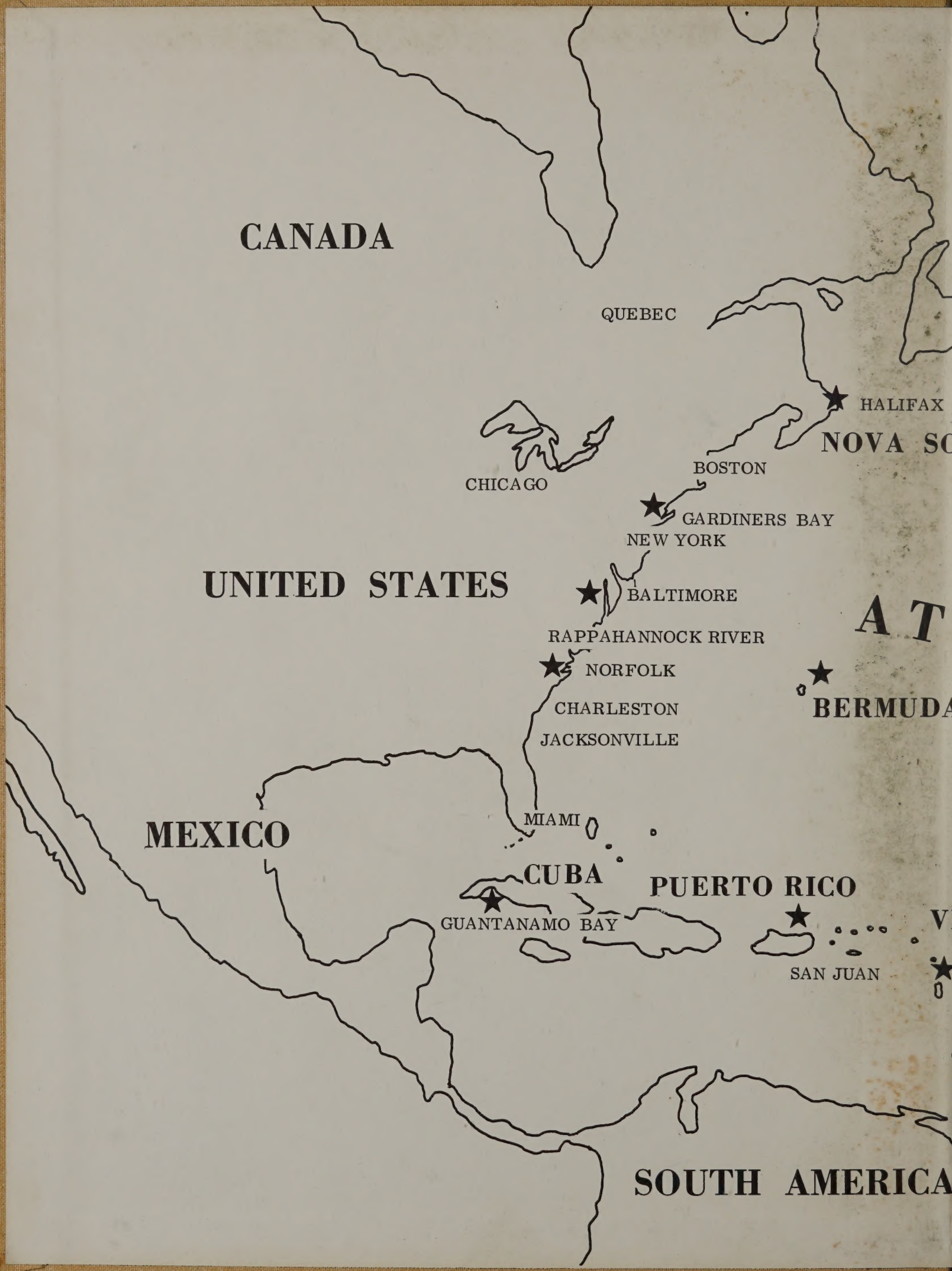
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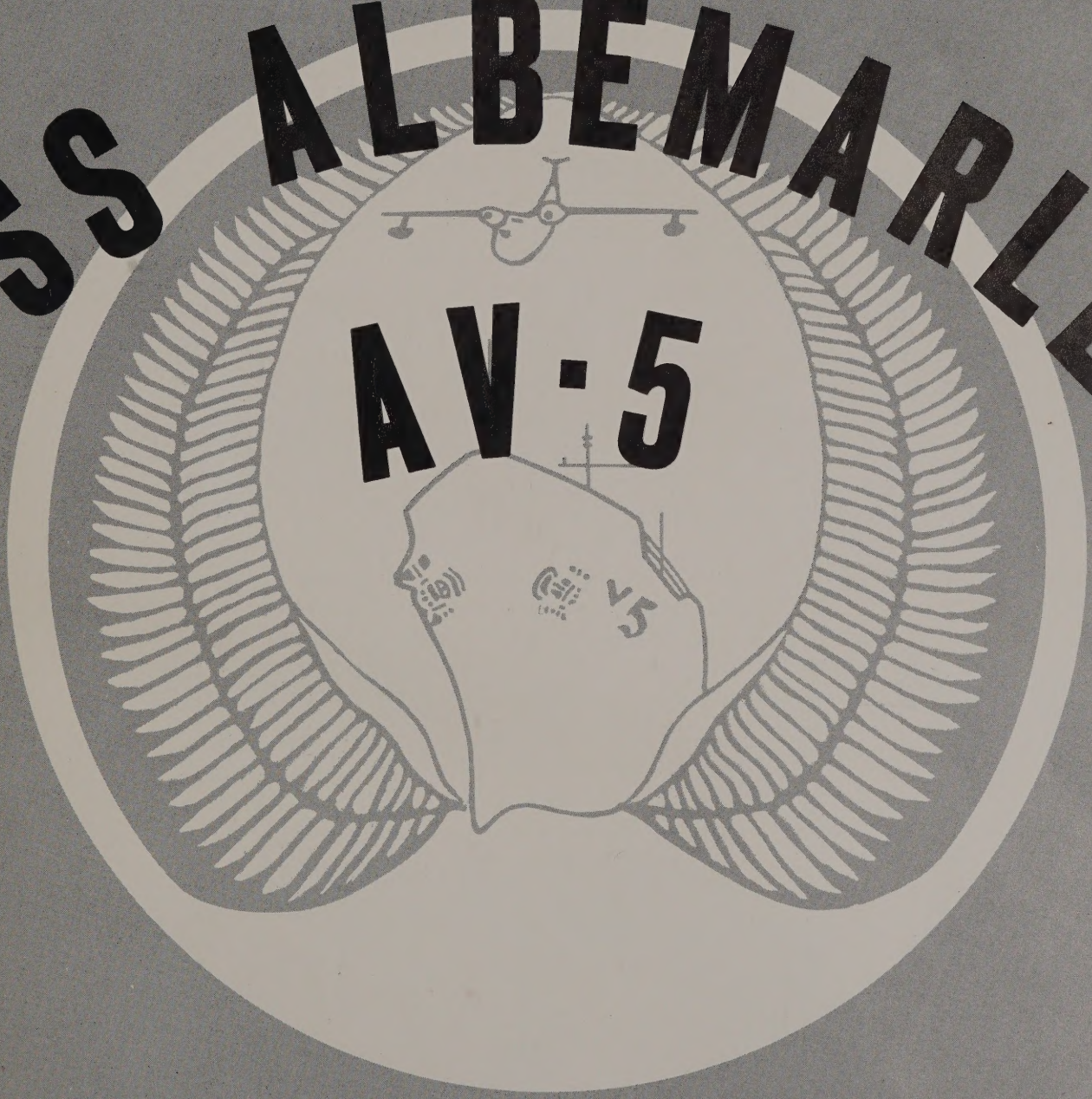

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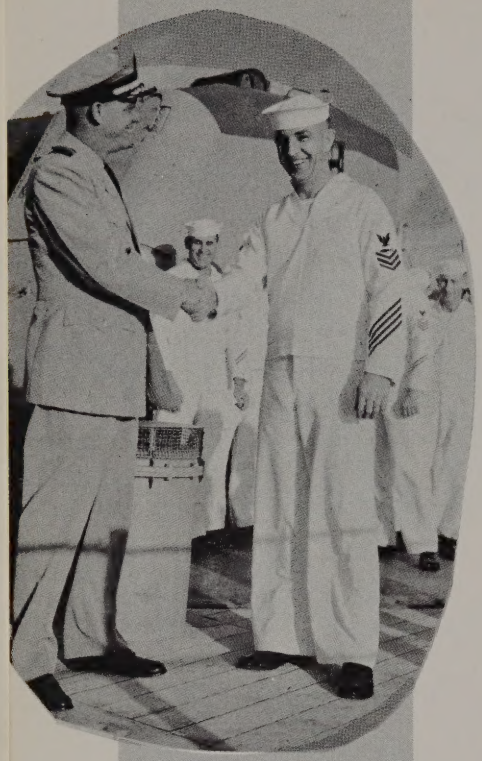


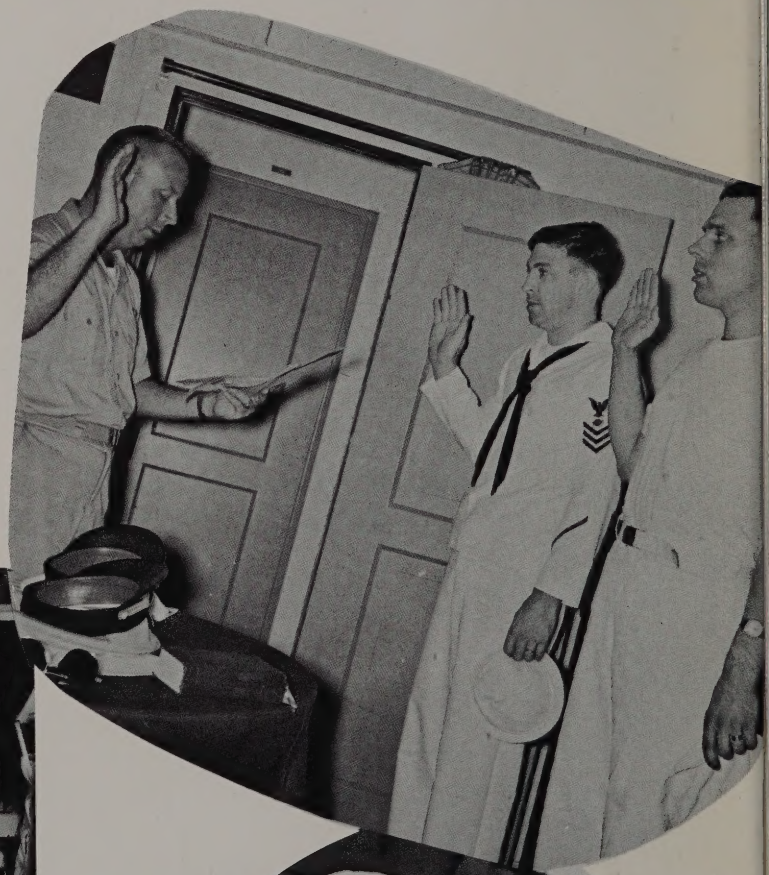
BIOGRAPHY OF COMMANDING OFFICER

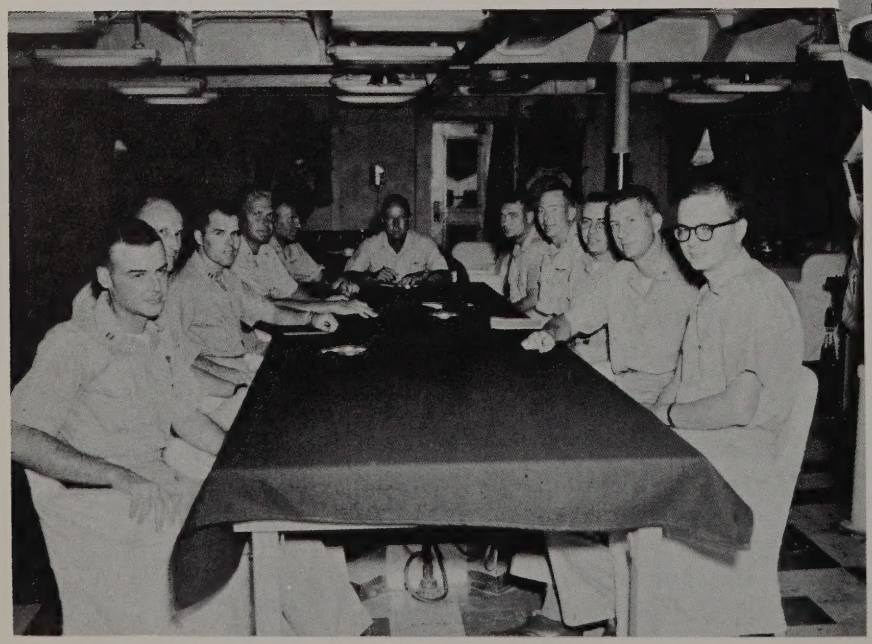
A graduate of the class of 1938 at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, Captain Melvin's first naval assignment was aboard the USS COLORADO, BB45. In May 1941 he was designated a naval aviator, and subsequently served in various patrol squadrons: VP-31, VPB-141, FAW-15, and with ASDEVLANT; and as commanding officer of VP-158, VP-136, and FASRON 108. Leaving the squadrons, he was attached to the CNARESTRA Staff at Glenview, Illinois, and the CINCLANTFLEET Staff at Norfolk, Virginia. Completion of this duty found Capt. Melvin returning to sea duty aboard the USS MINDORO, CVE 120. Further duty assignments consisted of serving with OPNAV (OP-501), attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and serving with the CINCNELM Staff at Pensacola, Florida. During his twenty-one years of naval service, Captain Melvin has devoted much time in the development of the Weekend Warrior Program, which plays a vital part in the training of Naval reservists. Married to the former Emilou Tilley of Long Beach, California; the Melvins have three children: Emily 18, John 14, and Jane 10. Presently they reside at 1049 Hanover Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia.

CAPT. C. A. MELVIN, U S N
COMMANDING OFFICER - USS ALBEMARLE

BIOGRAPHY OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

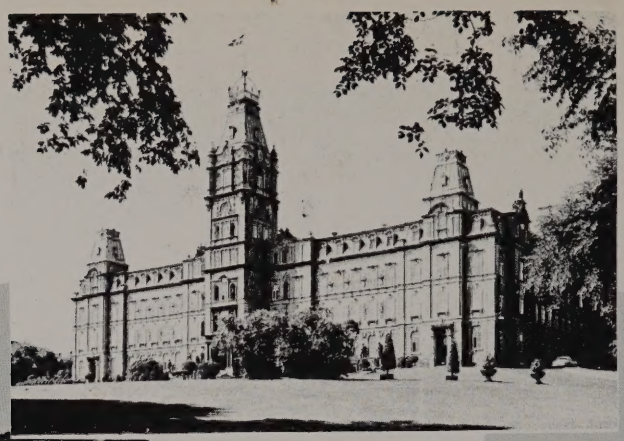
Commander Ward was born on 16 October 1918 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following his schooling at LaSalle High School and LaSalle College in Philadelphia, he entered the U. S. Navy at Pensacola in November 1940 as an aviation cadet. Upon graduation in June 1941 he was designated a naval aviator. Since then, CDR. Ward has had a wide variety of naval assignments. He has served as a flight instructor; executive officer to Patrol Bombing Squadron 124; Officer-in-Charge of the Special Alaskan Magnetic Survey and a simular project called "Volcano"; Officer-in-Charge of project "Ski Jump" (Oceanographic studies of the Arctic Ocean); on the staff of RADM. Dufeck in connection with Operation Deepfreeze; operations and executive officer of Air Development Squadron 6; Commanding Officer of Utility Squadron 4. Prior to reporting aboard the USS ALBEMARLE, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Technical Training Unit, Lakehurst, N. J. Married to the former Marilyn Hesser of Philadelphia, the Wards have five children: Edward 17, Joanne 13, John 9, Mary Lee 5, and Suzan 4. Currently, they reside at 3720 Central Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey.





Cdr. Ward with Department Heads

COMMANDER E. M. WARD, U S N
EXECUTIVE OFFICER U S S ALBEMARLE



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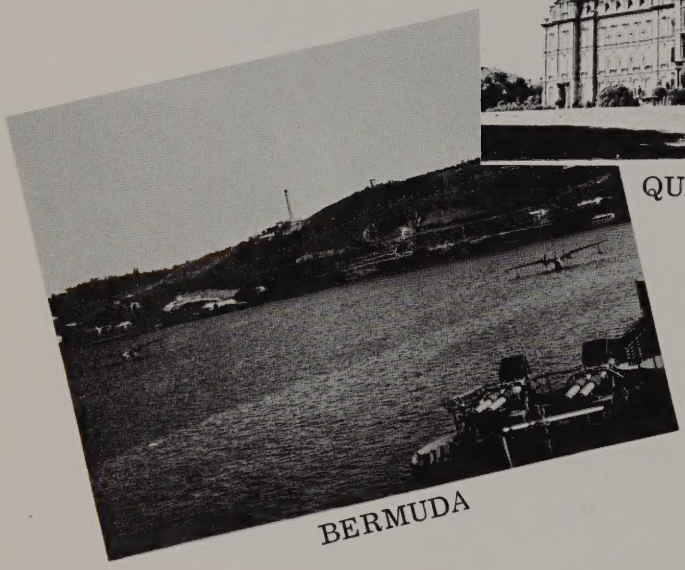

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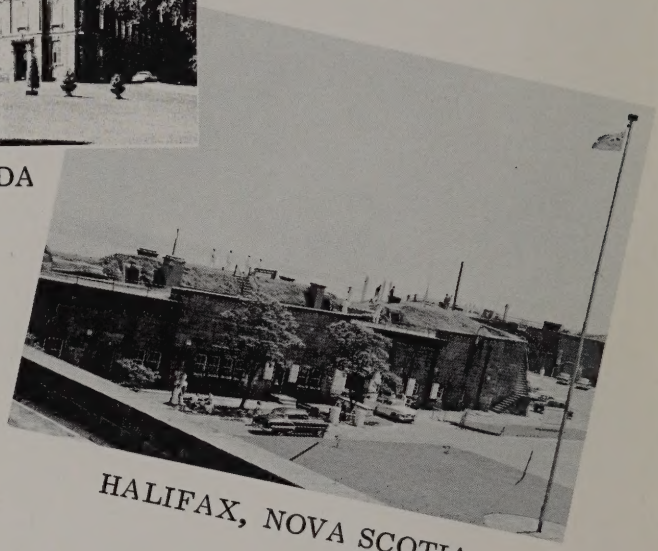


HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

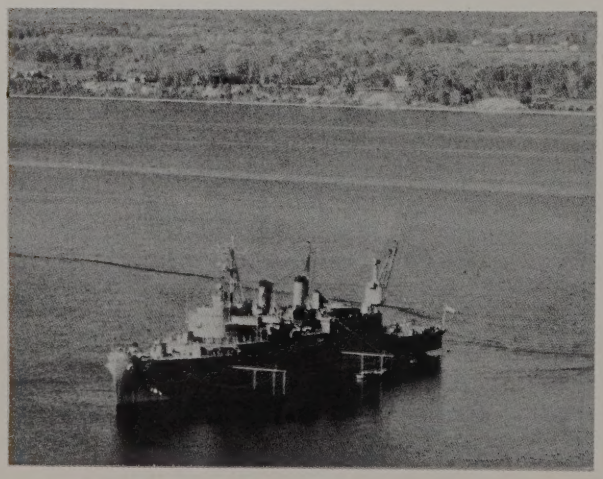
Our cruise book does not deal with one specific cruise, but with several cruises or places of operation from June 1959 to April 1960.

On 18 June 1959 the ALBEMARLE steamed north for a 34-day cruise, which included tending seaplanes at Halifax, Nova Scotia, a goodwill tour down the St. Lawrence River to Quebec, Canada, a return trip to Halifax tending seaplanes-seaplane operations at Gardiner's Bay, Long Island, a weekend liberty in New York, and, then, arrival at Norfolk, the ALBEMARLE'S home port on 22 July.

The second cruise was a six-day seaplane operation in November on the Rappahannock River in northern Maryland, followed by a 12-day tending project at Bermuda in December 1959.

The fourth and final cruise of this period, and the longest the ALBEMARLE has taken since her recommissioning, was Operation Springboard from 8 January to 1 April, 1960, tending the four seaplane squadrons of the Atlantic Fleet at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER



SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

SHIP'S HISTORY

The USS ALBEMARLE, in keeping with Naval tradition, was named for a body of water off the northeast coast of North Carolina. She was built by the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, New Jersey, launched on 13 July 1940, and commissioned at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 20 December 1940.

Commissioned a year before Pearl Harbor, and just a few months after President Roosevelt's proclamation of a limited national emergency, the ALBEMARLE'S first and primary task was to help keep the North Atlantic sea lanes open. This she did by conducting advanced base tending operations for seaplanes at Argentia, Newfoundland. On 7 December 1941, the ALBEMARLE was loading equipment and stores at Norfolk, Virginia, in preparation for operations at Reykavic, Iceland. Between January 1942 and July 1945 she transported aeronautical cargo and personnel to Iceland, England, North Africa, Bermuda, and the islands of the Caribbean. On 30 September 1945 she reported to the Pacific and until October of 1946 was assigned as a troop transport under the Naval Transport Service.

Returning to the Atlantic in November 1946, she operated at various points along the east coast through 1947. January through June 1948 was spent in the Pacific, after which she once again returned to the Atlantic where she operated until 1950. The ALBEMARLE was placed out of commission in reserve at New York, 14 August 1950. She moved to the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard in February 1956 to begin modification. ALBEMARLE was recommissioned 21 October 1957.

From her recommissioning to the present time, May 1960, the ALBEMARLE has been the only seaplane tender operating in the Atlantic Ocean and has been quite active tending the four seaplane squadrons of the Atlantic Fleet: VP-45 and VP-49 of Bermuda, and VP-44 and 56 of Norfolk, in such areas as Halifax, Nova Scotia, Gardiner's Bay, L. I., Rappahannock River, Va. Trinidad, British West Indies, Bermuda, Pillsbury Sound, Virgin Islands and San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The ALBEMARLE is often referred to as a "floating naval base", complete within itself. Within minutes after anchoring she is prepared to furnish seaplanes with all the services an airplane receives at a local airport or at any military base. The ALBEMARLE provides fuel and ammunition for the aircraft that are attached, repairs them, guides them home in bad weather, and keeps in touch with them by radio when they are in the air. For the crews of the seaplanes the ALBEMARLE provides housing, food and clothing, a degree of recreation, and the services of a doctor, dentist, and chaplain. The ALBEMARLE because of its ability to support seaplanes in any of the water areas of the world, is able to assist in carrying out the mission of our Navy by operating in those areas where land based aircraft are not able to operate.

V5

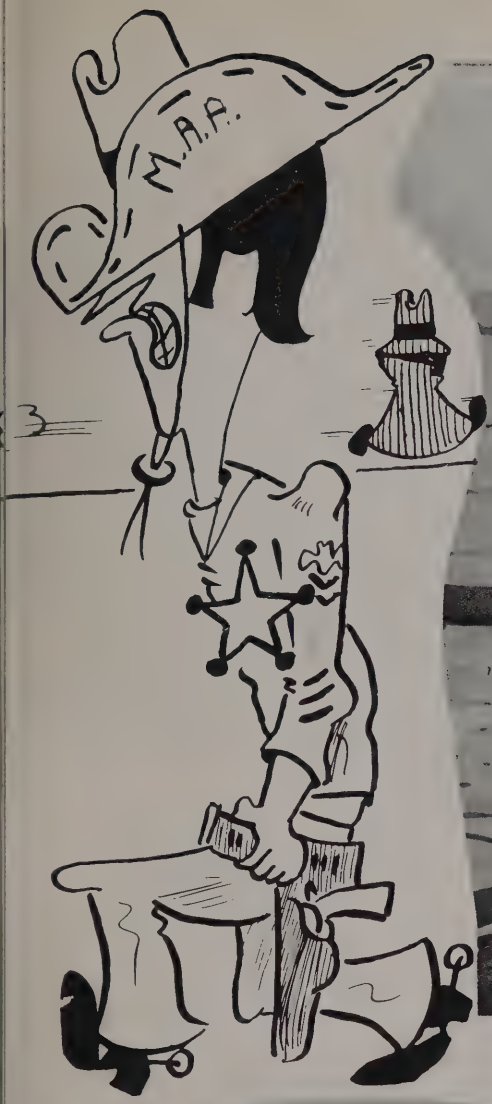
Administration Officers

Personnel Office

The Executive Officer supervises the Administrative Department. Included in his Council are a Chaplain, a Personnel Officer, a Legal Officer, an Administrative Assistant, as well as those heading Special Services, Public Information, Training, Printing, and the Master-at-Arms Force. Backing these are the staffs of trained personnel whose duties not only extend to the more obvious ones already mentioned, but also from the most routine correspondence and filing to the major factors of morale and security.

ADMINISTRATION

XO



Back Row, Left to Right: Prosick, S.(N), BM2; Weiss, S.J., TM1; Cantin, R.R., AEC; Eaton, W.E., EM2; Front Row, Left to Right: Edwards, H.C., AD1; Roseberry, R.R., AG3; Koss, W.F., MM1.

Not the Brig "Post Office"

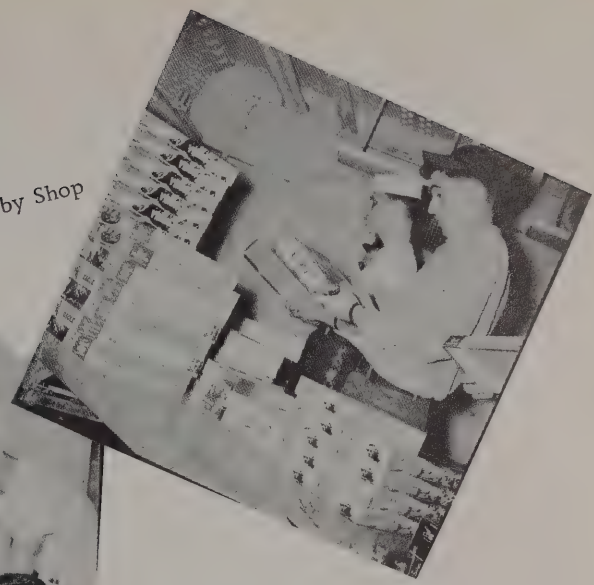
Captain's Office

ADMINISTRATION

X DIVISION

Back Row, Left to Right: Lt J. R. Swadener; Beach, J.E. YNT3; Nelson, J.L., YNT3; White, W.A., YNT3; Fuher, E.(N), LI-1; Moore, J.J., YNC; Mullinax E.(N), PNCA; Middle Row, Left to Right: Leuschen, F.W., SN; Smith, R.T., SN; Hague, J.J., SN; Drach, R. L., SN; Jiron, G.A., SN; Front Row, Left to Right: Frederick, R.W., PN2; Johnson, G.W., AN; Ham, G.T. PNSN; Daniels, H.O., SN; Renze, L.V., PN3; Hatcher, A.R., SN.

Hobby Shop Sale



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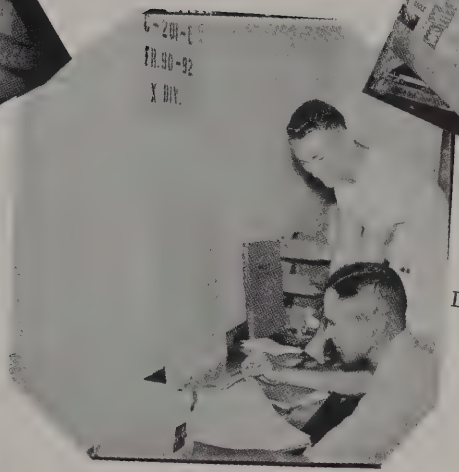

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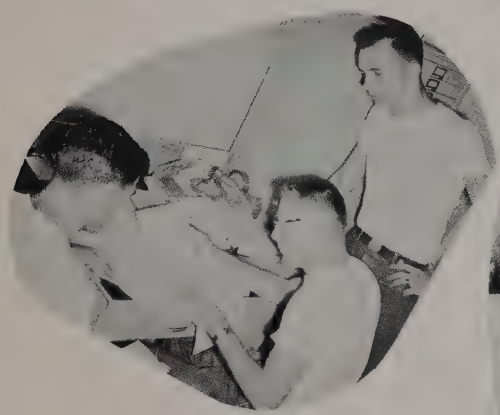

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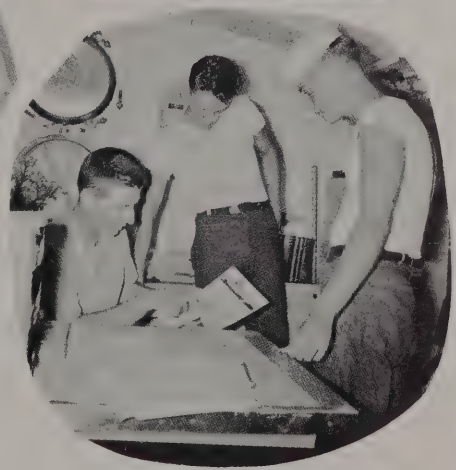


Chaplains Office

Personnel Office

Print Shop

Crew's Library

We
Flood
It
Fix
It
and
Steam
It

From Left to Right: ENS. D.K. Wilson, Jr., Damage Control Assistant; CWO. N. Mesagno, USN, Main Propulsion Assistant; Lt. J.A. Tinkham, USN, Engineering Officer; CWO. N.L. Martinez, USN, Repair Officer; CWO. D. Zarr, USN, Electrical Officer.

ENGINEERS

Not from Mars - decon team at work

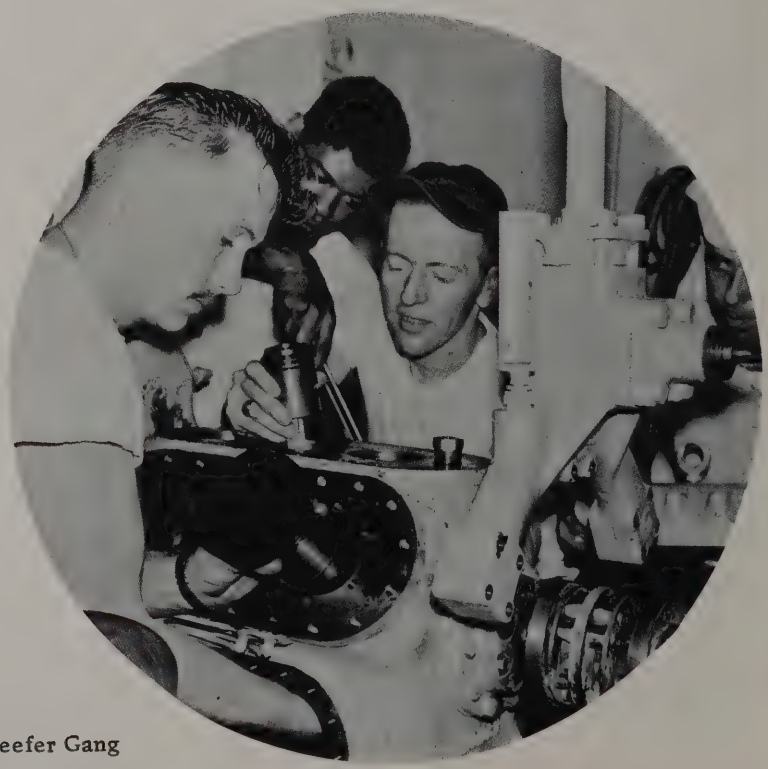
Now what will happen if I knock this wedge out.

Stick em up

Condition yoke second deck and below

First Row - Left to Right: Atwood, L.H., MMCS; Ensign D.K. Wilson Jr. Second Row: Smith, A.L., MR3; Knapp, F.P., MM1; Eymer, R.L., MM2; Lennartson, R.H., FA; Johnson, J.W., EN1; Poole, A.M., MM1. Third Row: Brown, J.E., FA; Floyd, C.L., MM2; Bolton, K.A., FN; Daugherty, D.E., MR3; Rotolo, M.T., EN3; Nihart, L.L., FA; Helm, J.L., MM3; Fourth Row: Tittman, J.W., MM2; Miller, S.R., MM2; Peacock, R.D., MM3; Ottilige, W., FA.

A DIVISION



Reefer Gang

First Row - Left to Right: Moore, B.F., MR2; West, O., EN3; Terry, G.L., EN3; Ferguson, K.A., FN; Second Row: Schrantz, G.E., MRFN; Thrasher, D.H., MRFN; Plank, L.W., MRFN; Karjala, C.L., FA.

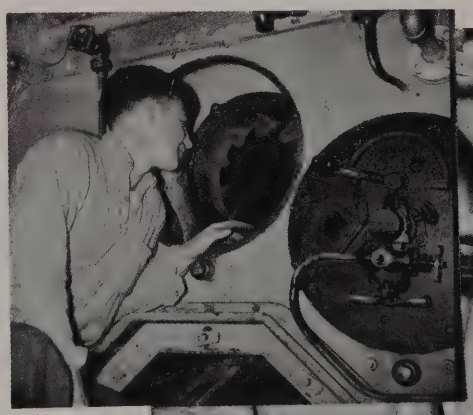
Machine Shop

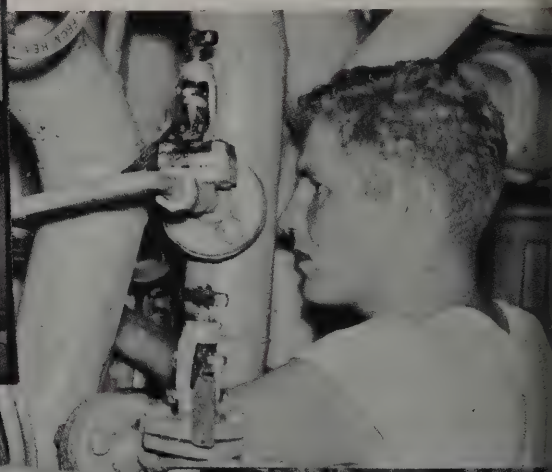
Boat Shop

Steam Heat

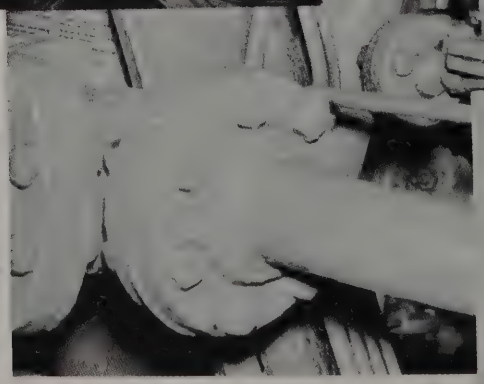
First Row Left to Right: Phillips, E.H., FN; Haberly, E.W., BTFN; Cole, R.E., BT3; Miller, A.P., BT2; Kingramas, E.A., BT2; Slade, T.E., BT1; Second Row: Wallis, W.W., BTC; Bartlou, R., FN; Carlton, E.C., BT3; Horst, Jr. BT2; Jackson, R.E., FN; Moshier, C.E., BT3; Barrett, T.L., BT1; Morrow, T.F., FN; MacIntire, L., BTC; Third Row: Parker, G.R., BT3; Price, G.F., FN; Mitchell, E.L., BTFN; Gathe, P.E., BT2; Spradley, R.L., BT3; Loudermilk, F., FN; Pitney, D.R., FA; Morgan, F., FN; Ross, R.K., FN. Missing: Barnes, C.R., White, Belsky, Binchus, Moore, Coker, Haner.

#2 Boiler





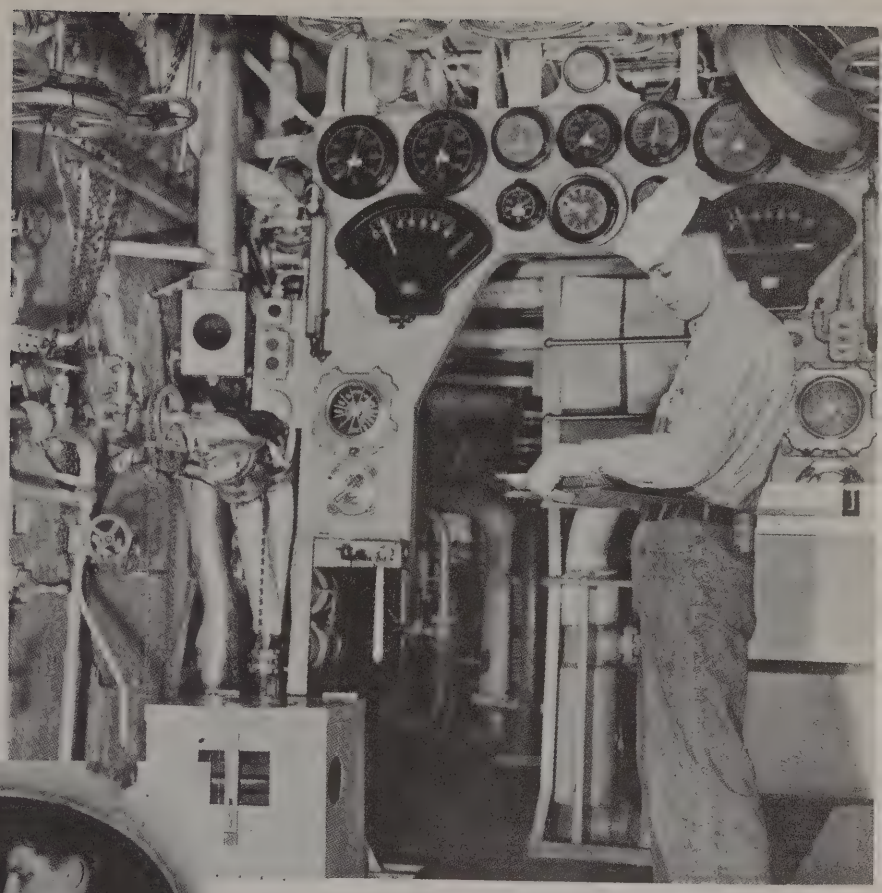
B DIVISION



Parker!

Smile

Where did you get all the oil?



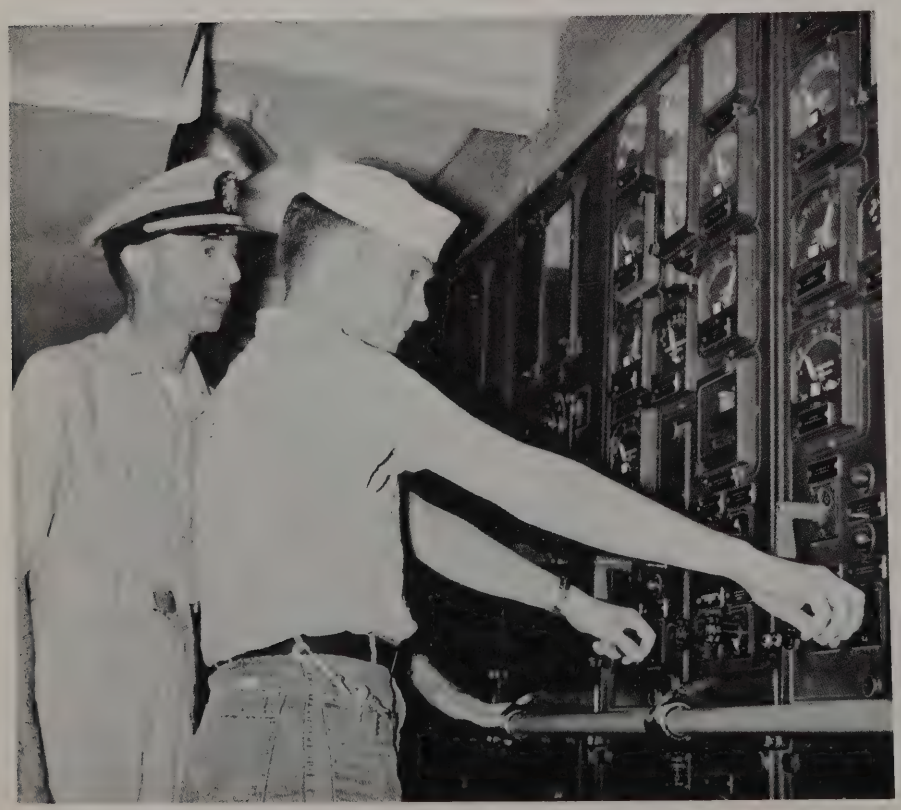
Forward Fire Room

In the dog house"

You can't drag steam from me

Then add two grains of salt

Left to Right, First Row: Page, P.F., EMC; Baran, FN; Stone, J.C., FN; Warda, R.L., EM3; Hines, L.E., EM2; Kieley, W.A., EM3; Wehrs, R.F., FN; Bramble, H.W., ICC. Second Row: Crabtree, G.B., EM3; Wright, B.G., IC3; Depuy, W., ICFN; Black, J.F., EM3; Cox, J.W., FN; Thuering, G.N., EM2; Zarr, D.W., CWO.



If the boss would only stop breathing down my neck

E DIVISION

I see

Cheese

Chief Bramble dial 214

Do boats run on batteries

How did they ever get Marilyn Monroe in here

M DIVISION

The yard birds got the rest of it

First Row, Left to Right: Benson, J.G., FN; Long, F.F., MM3; Miller, R.A., MMFN; Wilson, D.W., MM3, Kimmell, E.L., MMFN; Munnis, G.E., MM1; Langford, J.L., FN; Buret, J.R., FN. Second Row: Bauman, P.W., FN; White, T.W., FN; Larson, M.W., FA; Gilcrest, E.E., MM3; Fisher, F.W., MM3; Crepezzi, G.M., MM3; Oatley, T.E., MM2; Helms, H.S., MMC; Third Row: Steele, J.A., MMFN; Montgomery, G.A., FN; Hochstetler, R.E., MMFN; Hardaway, E.H., MM3; Enik, J.T., MMFA; Meeker, W.G., FN; Billera, H.A., FN. Missing From Picture: Mariott, D.R., MMC; Attard, G.E., MM1; Baker, J.G., FN; Stamps, J.A., FN; Stotts, A.G., FN; Koss, MM1; Bebart, MMFA; Helton, MMFA; Allen, MMFN; Guest, MM3; Johnson, FN.

M Division forward

Friday's dinner

EVAPS

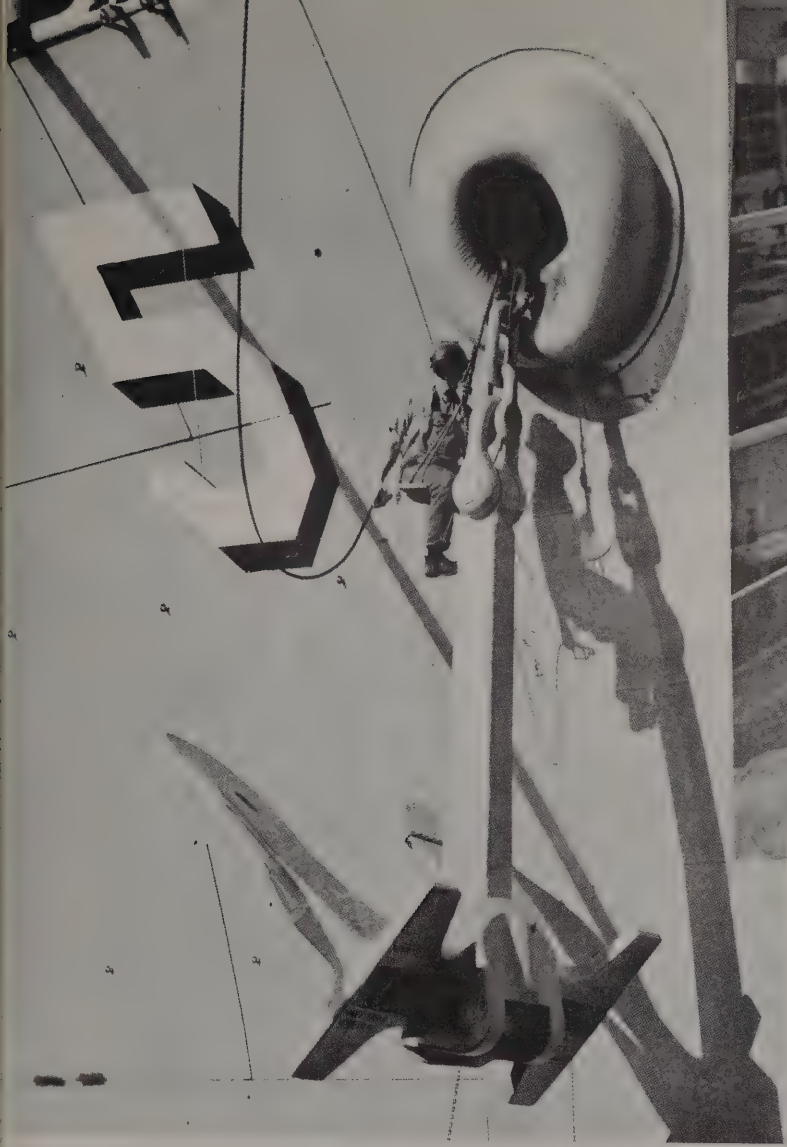
Field Day

In the Bilges

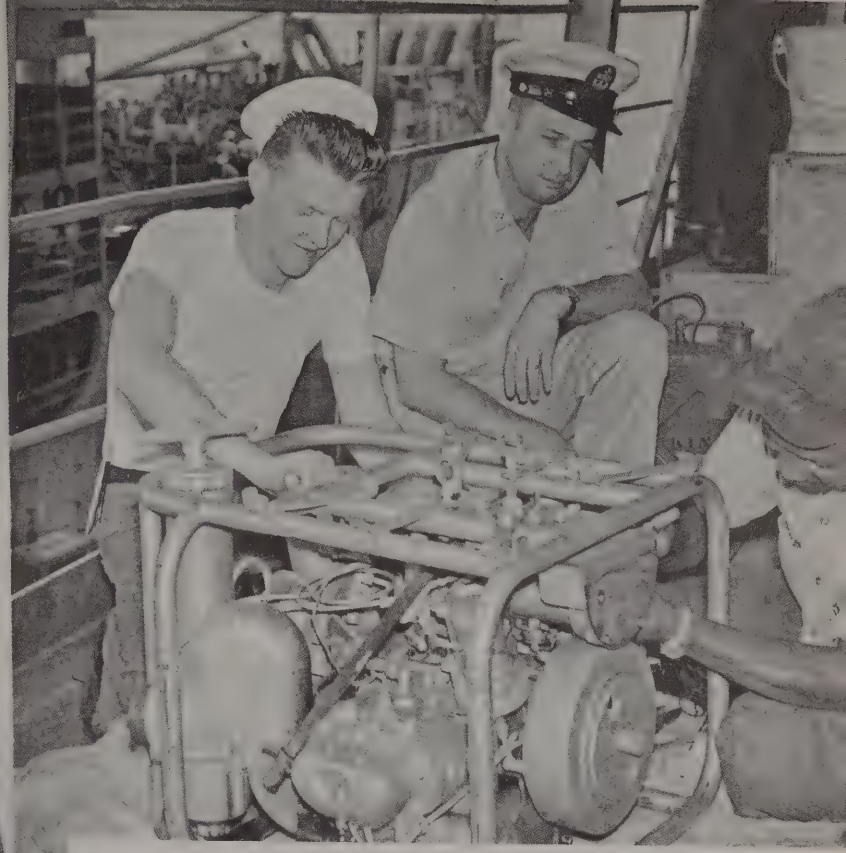
Someone should be doing something

R DIVISION

First Row, Left to Right: Martinez, N., CWO; Williams, B.M., FN; Spratt, B.L., DC3; Kirk, T.E., SF1; Kelley, W., DC1; Walz, K.J., SFM2; Schultz, D.L., SFC. Second Row: Allen, R., FN; Johnson, W.B., DC2; Everts, T.A., FN; Bernhardt, J.D., SN; Spangler, F.D., FN; Oswalt, M.D., SFP2; Royal, T.R., SFM3; Third Row: Frazier, P., DC3; Hughes, J.P., DC3; Doran, J.D., SEP3; Anderson, T.K., FN; Higgins, T.V., SN; Kirk, J.R., FN. Missing from Picture: McCormick, W.D., DC.



Five and two



It will pump like crazy if we can only get it started

Crews lounge?

Turn it over. That side is done

HALIFAX
NOVA SCOTIA

17 Gun Salute

Halifax, the capital of the Province of Nova Scotia -- one of the ten provinces which comprise Canada -- is on the southeast coast of the Nova Scotia peninsula. It is one of the most colorful and historic cities in the Dominion. Surrounded by water, it is truly a city of the sea.

Approximately 90,000 people live in Halifax. Local customs and traditions reflect their British ancestry. The chief industries of Halifax are shipping and fishing, with considerable trade with the West Indies.

Halifax is a major naval base, and though this port town has a weather-beaten appearance, one of its most outstanding characteristics is the hospitality and friendliness of its inhabitants, which, above all, helped to make this trip a most memorable one for the ALBEMARLE.

Rugged countryside

HALIFAX

Guests of HMS Shearwater

HISTORIC QUEBEC

Founded by Champlain in 1608, the city of Quebec is the cradle of Canadian history, and has witnessed the sojourn or passing within its walls, persons of prestige from two regimes--the French and the English. It has preserved from its glorious past memories which have made the city unique among the great centuries of America.

Successively, the capital of New France, of Canada after the British conquest, and of the Province of Quebec. The city of Quebec has always played a role of paramount importance in the national, religious, social, economic and political life of the country.

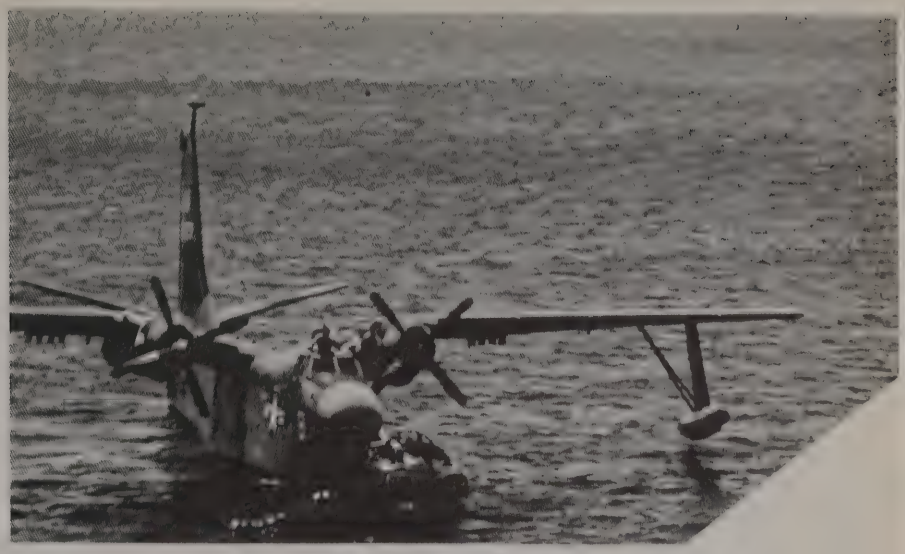
Devotion of the past has allied itself with the present day culture within the bounds of good sense. In other words, Quebec is living history, the past and the present blended in perfect harmony in view of a future abounding with happy promise.

QUEBEC

CHATEAU FRONTINAC

GARDINERS BAY

Take off



Refueling astern

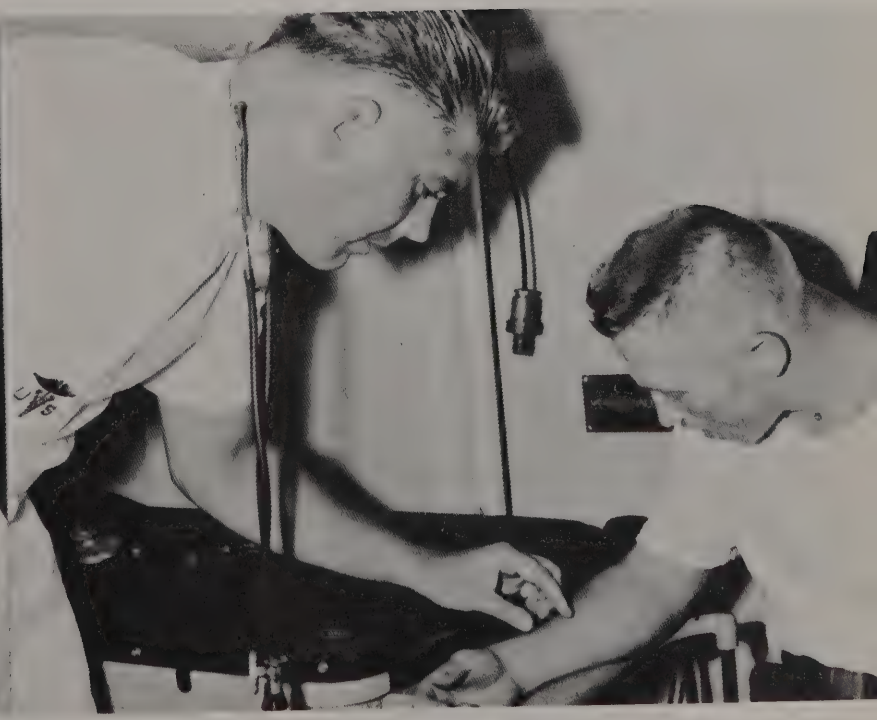
"In World War II I flew a Stuka"

Lt. R.C. Garrison, MC, USN; Lt. E.E. McDonald, DC, USN; R.F. Thorp, SN; J.R. Huston, HM3; H. (n) McLoyd, HN; W.M. Hamalainen, HM1; M.E. Crowley, SA; W.D. Pinkney, HM2; J.H. Hughes, HMC; R.S. Doraha, SN.

MEDICAL and DENTAL DEPARTMENTS

Things are never so bad, that they couldn't be worse

I believe it shows a fracture of a medella



Probably the measles

Teeth OK; gums must go

Son! You had the most beautiful teeth

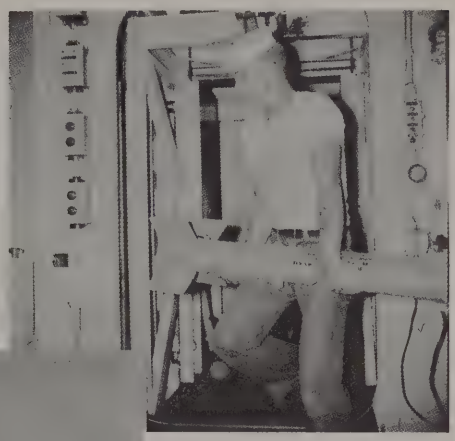
Left to Right: Lt. J.W. Erhart, USN, Weapons Division Officer; Lt. J.A. Cochran, USN, Ass't Head of Gunnery Department; LCDR. D.D. Spoon, USN, Department Head; LTJG. J.W. Eaton, USN, Second Division Officer and First Lieutenant; LTJG. D.S. Harwood, USN, Fox Division Officer; WO. J.H. Eastman, USN, First Division Officer and Ship's Bos'n.

GUNNERY

Left to Right, Back Row: Gunner Uber, Hobson, AO2; Wright, AO2; Boydell, AO3; Huff, AN; King, AO3; Parson, AO3;Powell, AN. Front Row: Dexter, AO2; McCammon, AO2; Fratus, AN; Wasilewski, AO1; Ellison, AO2; Hunnicutt, AO3; Boone, AO2; Randolph, AO3; and Chief Bertoloni, AOC.

G DIVISION

"G" Division assembles rockets for a dawn strike



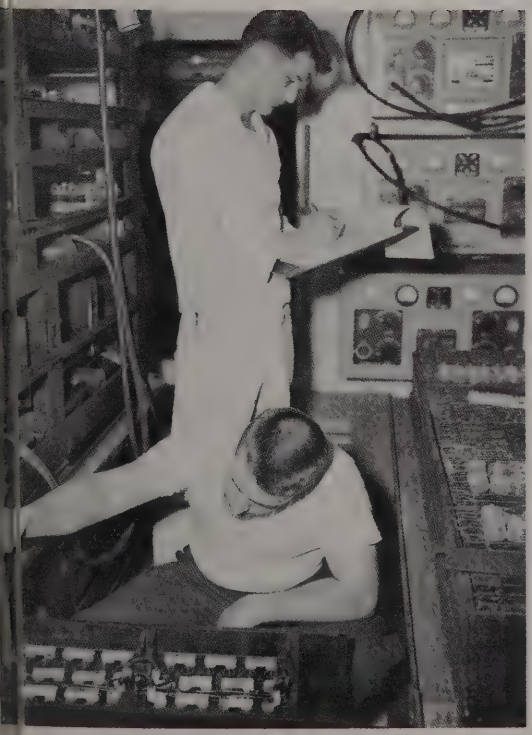
COMRUBRON TWO DEPARTING

W DIVISION

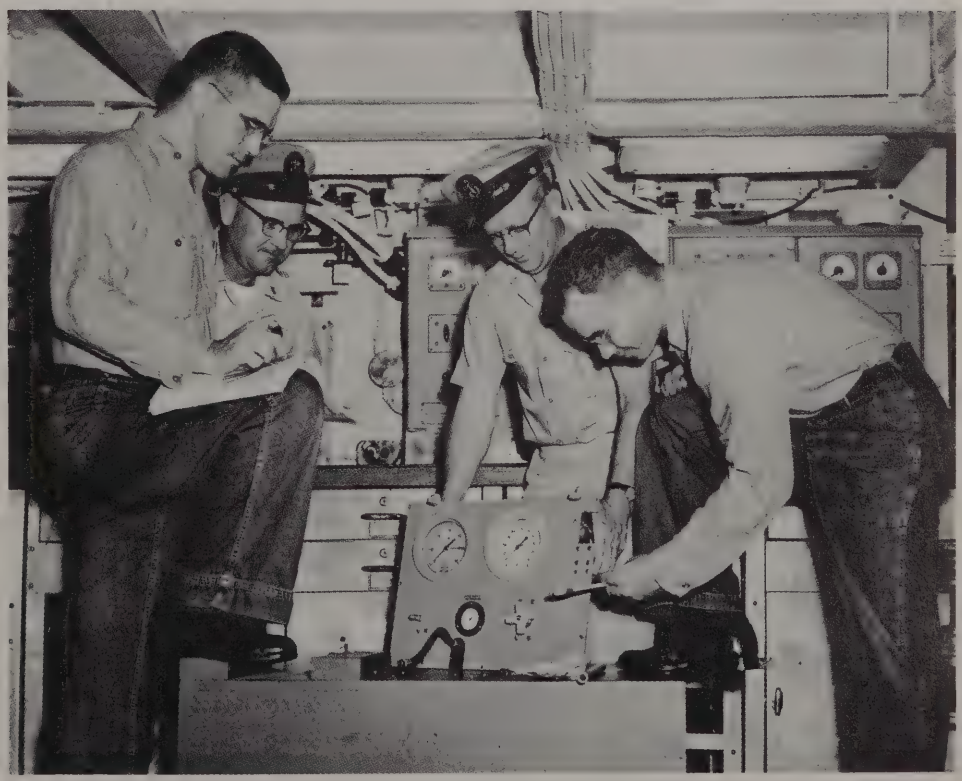
CENSORED

Back Row, Left to Right: Cronin, J.P., TMC; LCDR D.D. Spoon; Moore, H.E., AK2; Pillsbury, R.W., TM1; Kramer, T.J., MN2; Borkowski, J.C., TM2; Ailstock, J.W., NWSN; Register, W.L., SN; Smith, M.L., TMSN; Stuart, W.B., SN; Mills, F.T., TM1. Front Row, Left to Right: Fuller, W.F., ET1; DiGiacomo, J.J., MN1; Pippin, G.A., TM2; Johnson, C.M, Jr., MN3; Smith, Q.T., TM3; Kendrick, R.L., TM2; Foyda, A.S., TM2; Hoffman, C., Jr., MN3; Davis, J.O., TMC.

I told you it wouldn't work with a slug



Only 40 Proof



We need a bigger hammer, Chief!

Bores clear?

FOX DIVISION

Back Row, Left to Right: LTJG Harwood, McKinney, FT1; Wilson, A.E., FTSN; Roland, GM3; Strickland, GM2; Tharge, SN; Deering, SN; LeBlanc, GM2; Greaves, FT3; Crews, SN; Wilson, J.H., FTSN; Vespa, GM1; Bottom Row: Heim, SN, Cameon, SN; Sacks, SN; Melson, GM3, Boyers, SN; Huntley, SN; Brenton, SN; Skoglund, FTSN, Middleton, GMC.

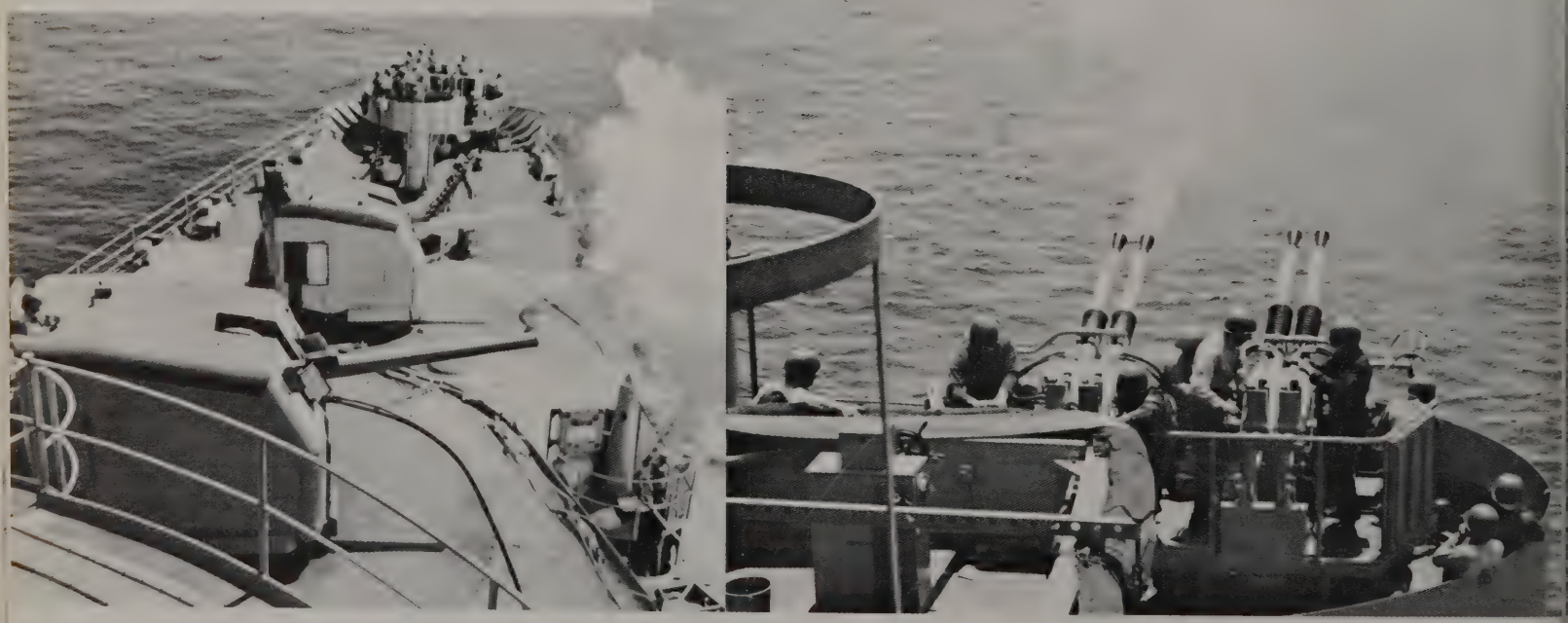
Gun Mount 51

It won't bite you

Channel 3 or bust

Now you are qualified to stand P. O. O. W.

Let's knock that sleeve down



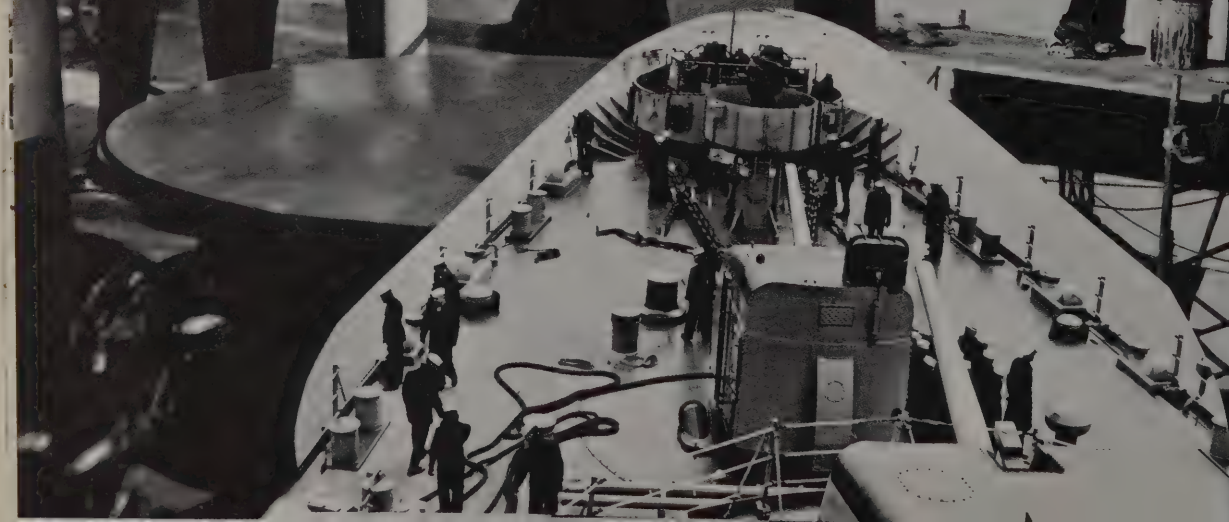
Most of the job means hours of waiting, searching the skies, and more waiting. It's only a drill, but the nagging thought "It could be the real thing" keeps you alert. Repeated drills and firing practice give you confidence in your mount; and as skill improves so does pride grow, until you know that if an enemy came you'd make no mistake.

Back Row, Left to Right: Saunders, C. L., SN; Hoover, D.E., SN; Bush, A.B., SN; Graveratte, M.L., SN; Flick, R.J., SN; Kasitz, J.S., SN; Palmo, M. B., SN; O'Donnell, J.F., SN; Wilder, J.L., SN; Ridenhour, L.H., SN; Sitek, R.J., SN; Middle Row, Left to Right: Leach, B.L., SA; DeJesus, F.(N); SN; Sclar, R.L., SN; Korszeniewski, L.B., SN; Norman, T.A., SN; Sepe, E. (N) Front Row: Left to Right: Eden, E. R., SN; Gaskell, R.J., SN, Thomas, G.(N), BM1; Ivey, W.P., BM2; WO1 J. H. Eastman; Green, J.S., BM3; Tarpley, C.F., BM3; Crumpler, G.R.; BM3.

1ST DIVISION

Thomas takes her out

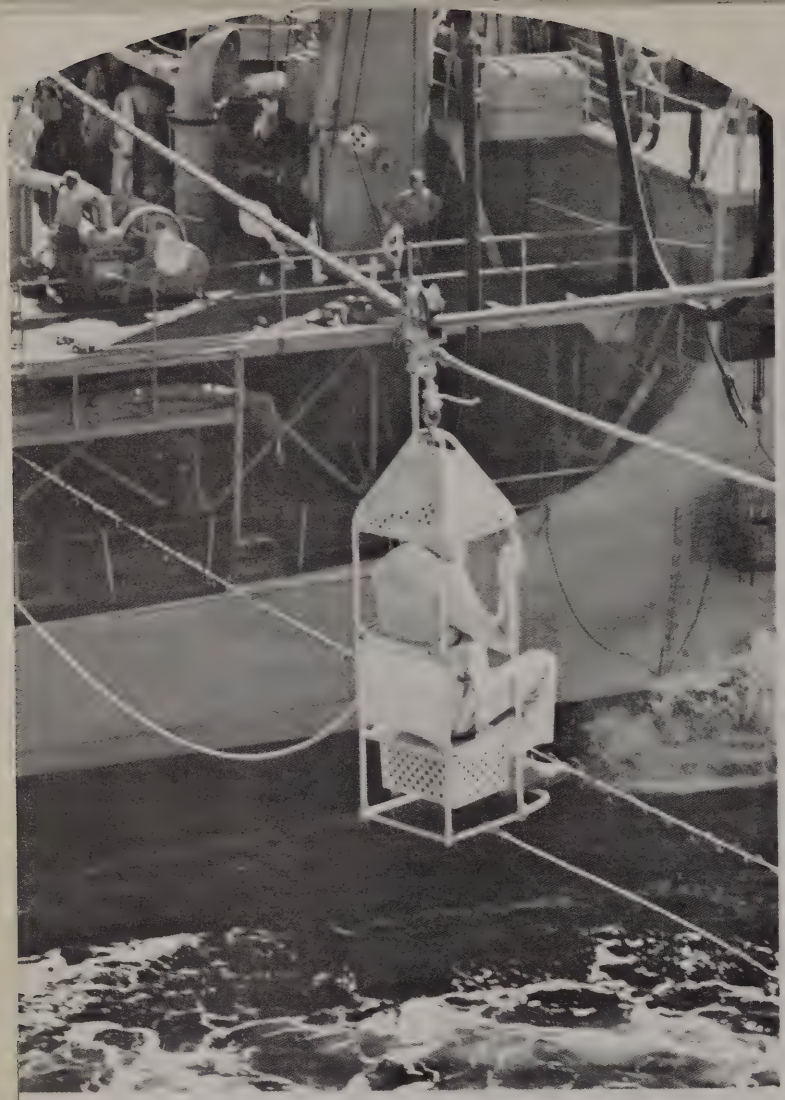
This is the real navy. This is deck seamanship done proudly and efficiently. Anchoring, mooring, docking, the Gunnery seamen man the stations. Theirs is a world of deck tools, fittings and machinery, of booms, bitts and chocks, and of boat handling and line splicing. All this, while keeping in mind the primary responsibility, the task of effectively defending the ship at all times.



Back Row, Left to Right: Hardwick, J.A., SN; Truitt, T.I., SN; Kindall, D.R., SN; Brown, R.(N), SN; Van Wye, C.S., SN; Thurmond, J.M., SN; Blaylock, L.D., SN; O'Donnell, P.F., SN; Watts, R.R., SN; Chamblee, C.L., BM2; Durstwitz, D.E., SN; Crag, G. J., SN; Pumfrey, T.A., SN; Tisdam, M.A., SN; Dam, R.L., SN; Middle Row, Left to Right: LTJG. J.W. Eaton; Megellia, J.J., SN; Christian, E.K., SN; Murphy, R.S., SN; Perkins, D.E., BMSN; Sears, J.G., SN; Sutton, R.R., SN; Bell, H.L., BM3; Taylor, R.A., BMSN; Massey, H.M., SN; Front Row, Left to Right; Baker, W.H., BM1; Bridgewater, C.F., SN; Smith, K.F., BM3; Dillon, J.P., FN; Burger, J.S., SN; Powell, J.R., BM3; Cripps, R.W., SN; Edwards, D.G., SN; Smith, J.H., BM3; Gibson, L.W., BMSN.

2ND DIVISION

Back Row, Left to Right: LTJG. J.W. Eaton, Powell, J.R., BM3; Bell, H.L., BM3; Watts, R.R., SN; Thurmond, J.M., SN; Cripps, R.W., SN; Van Wye, C.F., SN; Brown, R.(N), SN; Chamblee, C.L., BM2; Baker, W.H., BM1; Front Row, Left to Right: Hardwick, J.A., SN; Burger, J.S., SN; Abdilla, J.(N), SN; Edwards, D.R., SN; Gibson, L.W., BMSN; Truitt, T.L., SN; O'Donnell, P.F., SN.



Giving the doc a ride

It will to you. Watch!

Don't be mad

Crash boat and big sister

Hang on

RAPPAHANNOCK

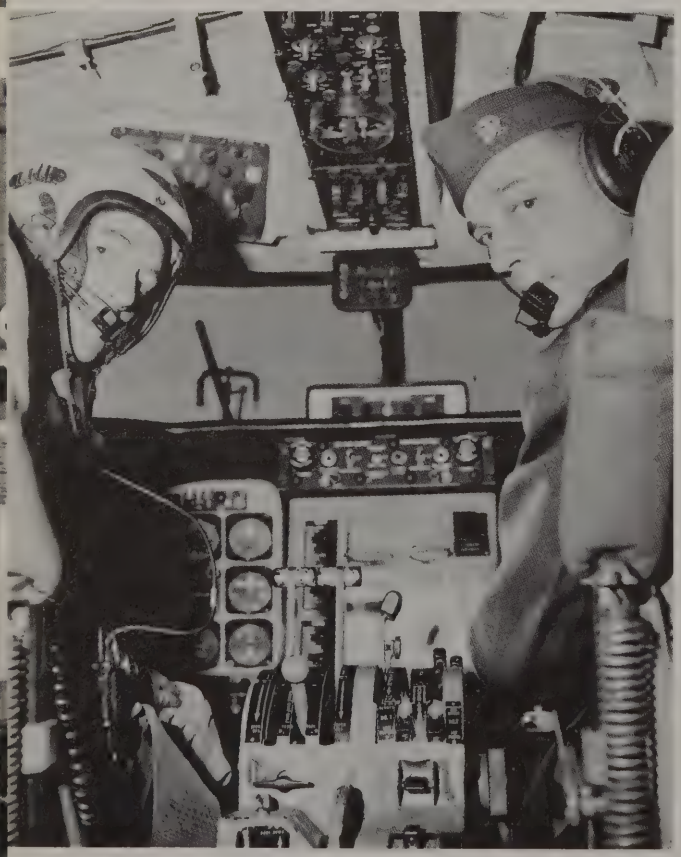
Capt. C.A. Melvin, USN
CO, USS ALBEMARLE

Cdr. H. Woodward, USN
CO, VP-49

Briefing

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER. The mouth of the Rappahannock River provides another easily accessible seadrome area for short deployments. The commercial fishermen of the area are becoming accustomed to seeing the Gray Lady and her brood of blue and white birds arrive in the early mist of the morning and set up operations with the confidence of one professionally secure in the proformance of duty. Located near Cherry Point, just off Chesapeake Bay, the river site is quite suitable to seaplane operations. Being just one day's steaming from Norfolk, the locale is particularly adaptable to 3-5 day operations calling for maximum realism.

VP-49 arriving on Rappahannock River

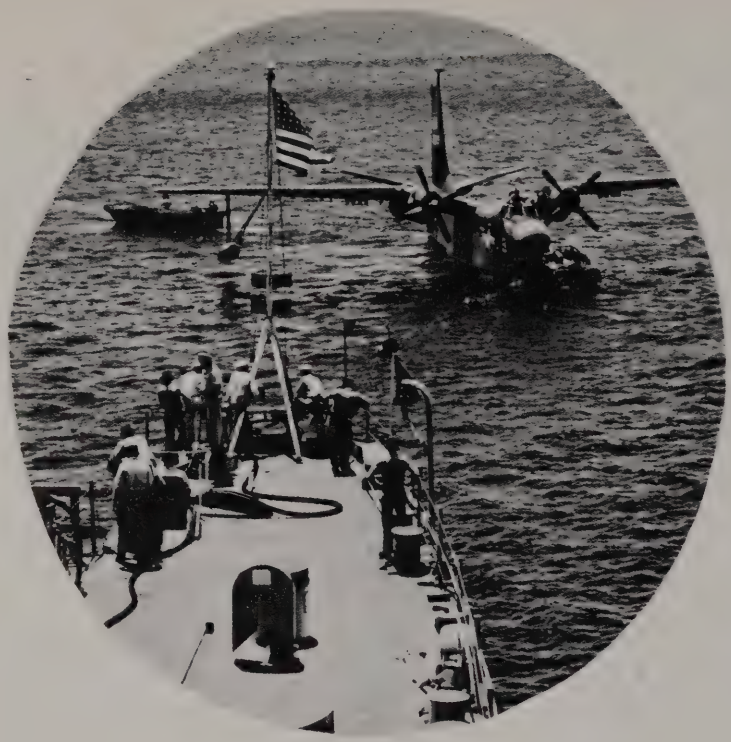


Flight time

Fill 'er up with high test

Left to Right: CWO. C.D. Bray, USN, V-1 Division Officer; LCDR. R.F. Baughman, USN, Air Department Head; LT. T.J. Griffith, USN, V-2 Division Officer.

AIR DEPT



V-1

Back Row, Left to Right: Schimmel, H.W., ABC; Wingate, R., AN; Ramsey, K.L., AB3; Rosemark, A., AN; Uber, D., AN; Santana, R., AN; Spaniel, W.R., AA; Pitts, A.E., AN3; Henson, P., AN; Kelly, J.V., AN; Deary, D.J., AN; Kilcoyne, C.P. ABC; Front Row, Left to Right: CWO C.D. Bray; Drum, J.O., AN; Rioshenriquez, J., AN; Young, F.J., AN; Brickenridge, S.J. AN; Wurstusen, P.J. AB3; Hunt, N.A., AB1.

Back Row, Left to Right: Keyser, R.A., AN; Martin, R.T., AN; Glosser, J.M., AN; Davis, W.E., AB1; Lyons, J.E., AN; Pol, R.W., AN; Dolinger, R.W., AB2; Middle Row, Left to Right: Schimmel, H.W., ABC; Laurance, R.A., AN; McCreary, J.L., AN; Martin, J.C., AN; Carr, L.J., AN; Bostic, W.D., AB2, Thomas, S.(N), AN; Kilcoyne, C.P., ABC; Front Row, Left to Right: CWO C.D. Bray; Hunter, W.K., AB3; Mueller, H.E., AB2; Randolph, J.E., AN; Whitfield, A.(N), AN.

The UF

Gitmo

Testing Filter Element

Back Row, Left to Right: Lt. T.J. Griffith, Hogart, G.H., AE1; Straley, W.B., AD1; Bannister, A.D., AM3; Morgan, C.E., AD1; Cristofori, R.C., AM3; Crane, D.G., AM3; Koehler, W.F., AMCA; Middle Row: Left to Right: Carpenter, R.O., AT2; Richard, G.J., AT3; Marquis, D.R., AN; Hoye, W.M., AN; Theriault, E.J., AM3; Crause, D.W., AM3; Front Row, Left to Right: Baird, B.R., AN; Harwood, B.A., PR1; Banker, J.(N), AN; Wetter, R.D., AN; Dennis, R.F., AN; Williams, J.E., AN, Habeck, W.J., AM3.

V-2

Back Row, Left to Right: Harry, E.E., AT3; Considine, S.F., AE2; Roberts, K.E., AN; Webb, J.M., AT1; Hall, J.F., AM2; Downie, W.L., AN; Hakenewerth, H.P., ATCS: Middle Row, Left to Right: Mosley, J.A., AN; Little, R.C., AMH3; Betten, J.D., AN; Juracek, M.J., AMH2; Bretzlaff, L.O., AN; DaCosta, A.R., AN: Bottom Row, Left to Right: Clair L.G., At2; Henegen, J.E., AM1; Thompson, C.P., AD3; Sterling, W.A., AD3; Andersen, R.J., AN; Clement, S.A., AN.

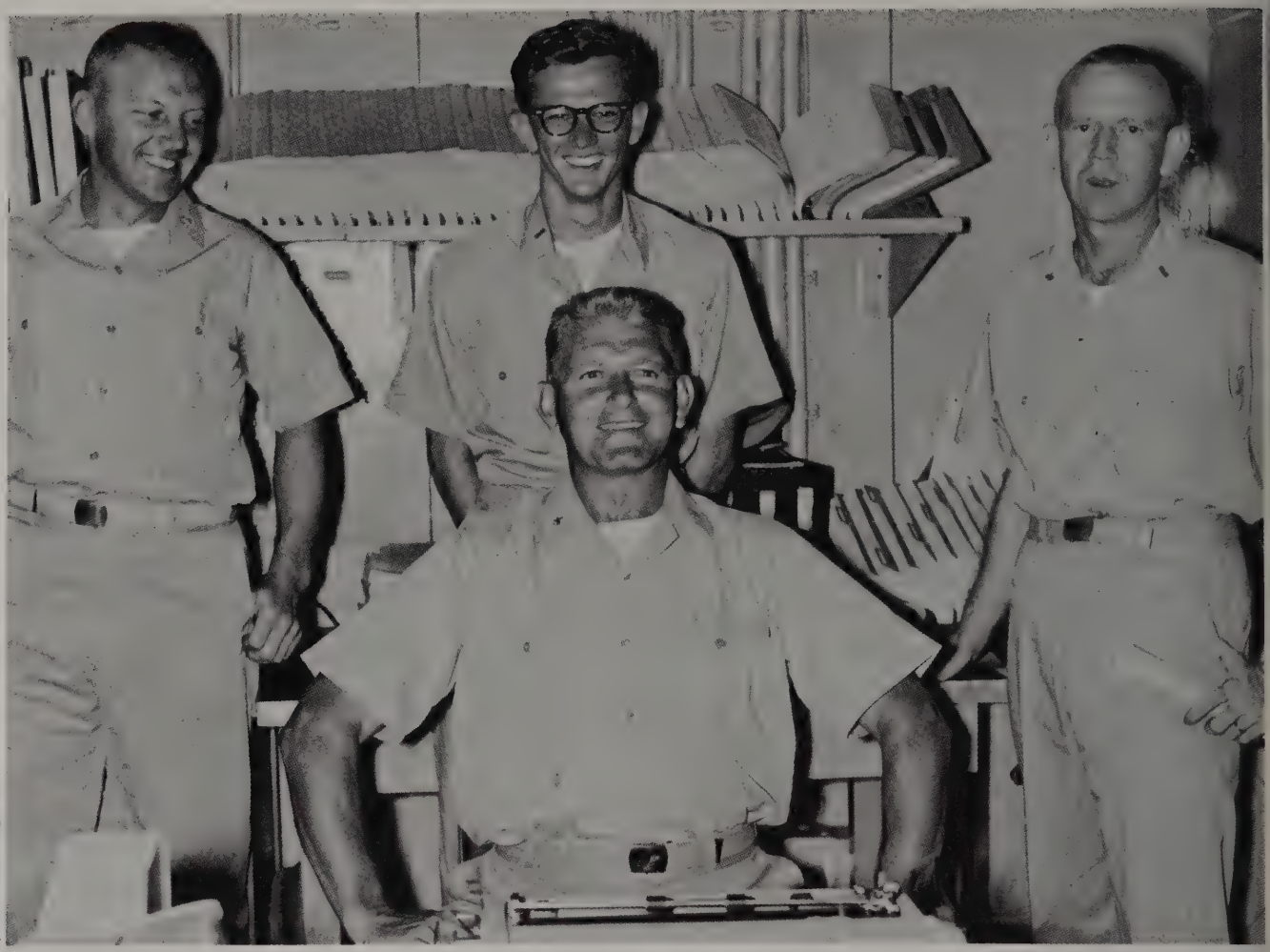
P5M Engine

Electronic Shop

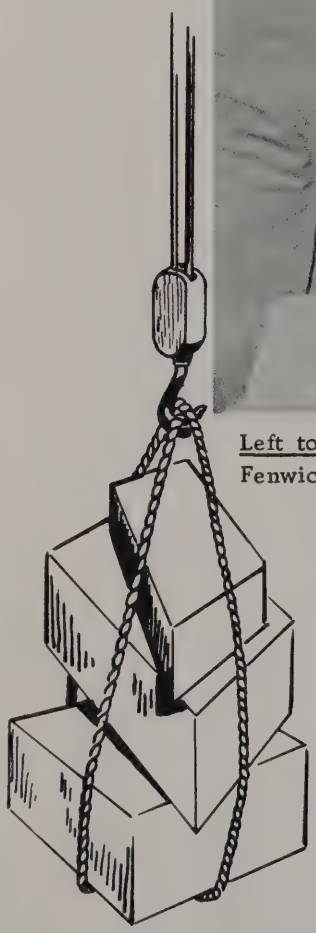
Packing Parachute

nother P5M Engine

AM Shop



Left to Right: WO. H. Poltack, USN, S-1 Division Officer; ENS. R. Blakely, USN, S-3 Division Officer; WO. C Fenwick, USN, S-2 Division Officer; LCDR. K.A. Woolard, USN, Department Head.



SUPPLY

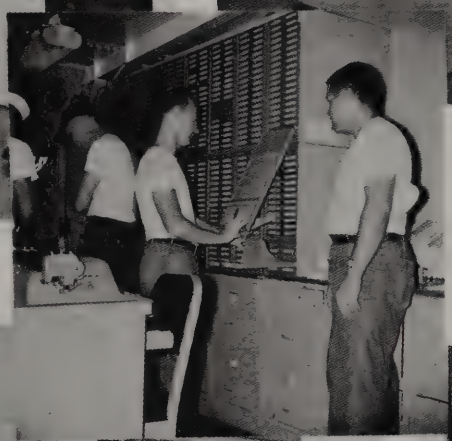
The Supply Dept: the Sears & Roebuck of the Albemarle. Its functions are to provide all supplies such as pencils, aviation spares, and etc. Also it runs the general mess through which we get delicious, wholesome meals and, last but not least, the famous Albemarle soup. Other functions of this department are the operation of the Ship's Stores, Laundry, Gedock Factory, Barber Shop, Tailor Shop, Cobbler Shop. One of the biggest morale boosters aboard this ship is payday held by the Disbursing Office, another part of the Supply Department. The slogan is, "We Try to Satisfy".

S-1

"See here, Jones"

Back Row, Left to Right: McArthur, B.L., SK3; Jarmin, R.V., SN; Godsey, H.J., AK3; Jones, B.G., SK2; Mead, J.R., SK3; Fowler, R.F., SN; Heath, A.B., SK3; Middle Row, Left to Right: Butler, R.(N) AK2; Borrinni, R.D., SN; Sheppard, E., AKC; WO1 H.J. Poltack; Coogan, T.M., SKC; Morris, T.L., AK3; Reno, F.M., SK3; Diesi, J.J., AKAA; Front Row: Left to Right: Bushamn, N.E., SKSA; Corum, A.(N), SK3; Robinson, L.T., AK3; Wallace, E.F., AK1.

Aviation Supply Office



The main office of the Supply Department. It is here that all correspondence concerning supply, the stock record cards, accounting and the procurement of supplies take place.

GSK

If it isn't in one of these card files, bins, books or boxes, the Navy doesn't have it

Aviation Supply Stockroom

Whether it be a tube of toothpaste or an aircraft engine, Supply must have the right material at the right place and at the right time. Before the Supply Officer of a Seaplane Tender can report to the Captain "Ready for Sea", literally tons of food, thousands of spare parts and "safes" of cash must be available to meet the needs of the ship and its personnel for long periods away from the home base: for the morale of the ship is kept high by good food, regular pay, and the many "extras" that make life at sea more efficient and pleasant.

If we don't know where it is we can locate it!

S-2

Getting ready for Captain's personnel inspection

Ship's Store #1

Back Row, Left to Right: WO. C.L. Fenwick, Langluttig, SN; Yaw, SH2; Mock, SN; King, SHSN; Evans, CSSN; Sharp, AN; Klover, CSSN; Phillips, SA; Carter, SN; Hoffmann, SK2; Barbee, SH2; Bebert, MMFA; Allen, SH3; Chandler, CS3; Shaw, FN; Dawson, SH1; Kilgore, SHCS: Front Row: Massey, FN; LaFosse, SH2; Haynes, SN; Plows, SH3; Bowden, SN; Broadway, SH2; Clark, SN; Dingman, SA.

Barber Shop

Laundry

Foy's Boys

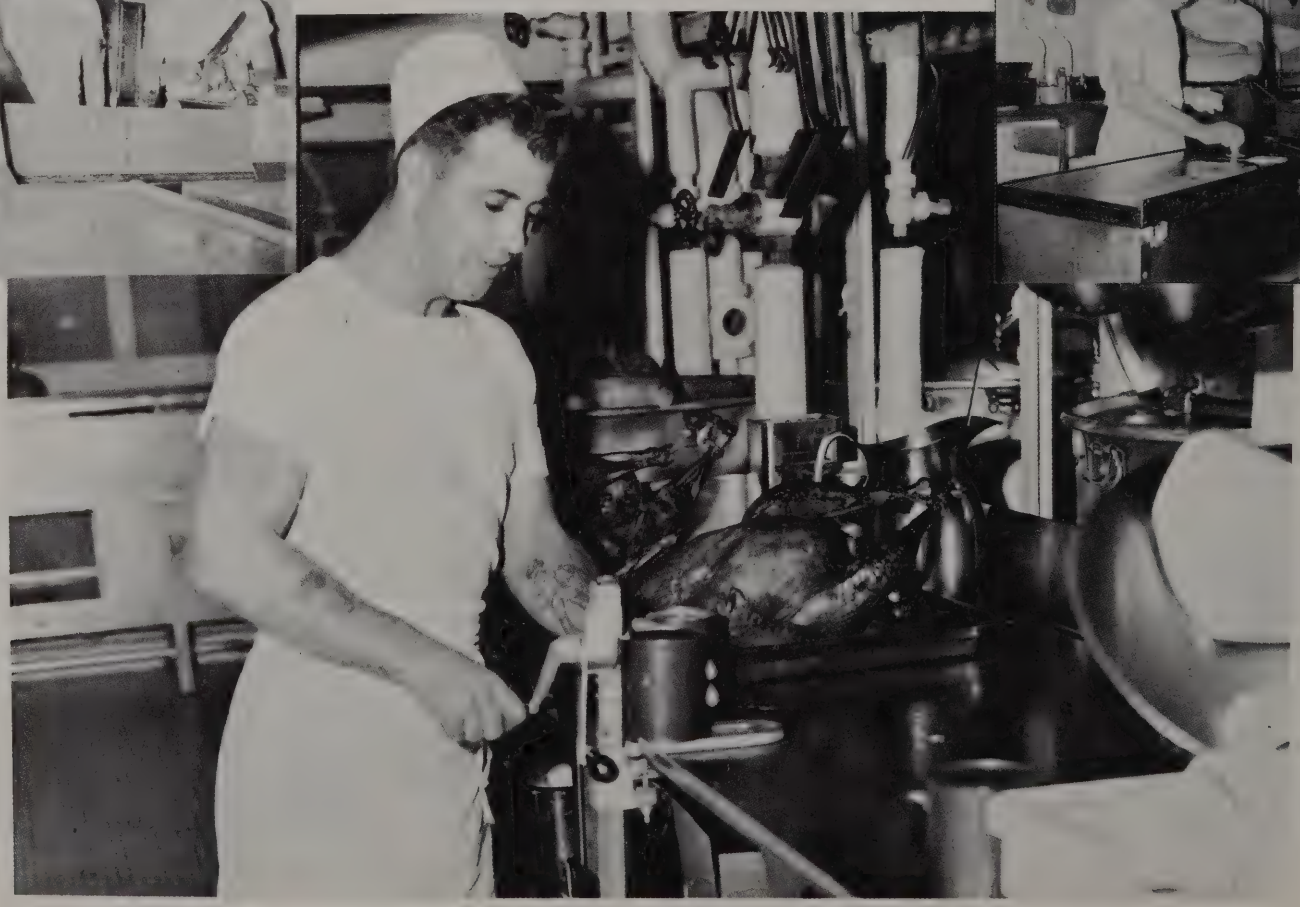
Tailor

Gedonk

Saving Soles

Happy Faces

Training at the Carib Hilton, San Juan



Thanksgiving Feed

S-3

"The First Team"

Back Row: Left to Right: Ens. R.F. Blakely; Beamon, W.(N), SD3; Stewart, D.P., SN; Brown, C.(N), SD1; Smith, L.M., TN; Norwood, E.(N), TN; Vance, F.K., DKC; Middle Row: Left to Right: Gage, J.M., SD2; Fontanares, A.R., TN; Fuller, A.(N), SD3; Lovelady, K.H., DK1; Watson, W.H., Jr., TN; Front Row: Left to Right: Navarro, G.(N), SD3; Sarimiento, M.L., TN; Reyes, H.S., TN; Redman, H.D.F.I., TN; Williams, C.(N) SD3; Tabor, G.C., DK3.

Good hot soup for pennies a portion

Halifax wardroom party

Parrot and Friend

The Bermuda Islands are approximately 773 miles from New York; 907 miles from Jacksonville, Florida, and 753 miles from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Bermuda consists of a group of nine large and approximately 356 small coral and limestone islands in the North Atlantic. Of the total island area of 21.3 miles, about 1.5 miles are owned and occupied by the British. One and one-tenth square miles were leased to the United States for 99 years in 1941 for the construction of bases. Currently, the United States has two bases in Bermuda: Kindley Air Force Base and the Naval Air Station.

Bermuda has neither natural resources nor industries. The natural beauty and favorable climate are put to advantage to develope tourism into a major business. Burmuda is the home base for two seaplane squadrons: VP-45 and VP-49.

BERMUDA

"It happened like this"

Welcome Aboard

EXCELLENT FOR COMMUNCATIONS

Lt. R.W. Bennett, USN, Communications Officer and WO. R.N. Wyatt, USN, CR Division Officer

COMMUNICATIONS

Back Row: Left to Right: Reveal, R.A., RM3, Staggs, S.C., ET2; Maertins, W.A.F., ETRSN; Nichols, L.O., ETNSN; Freeman, J. D., ET3; Koch, T. E., ET3; Purifoy, F.E., ET2; Cadieux, J.C., RM3; Lt. R.W. Bennett. Front Row: Left to Right: Rezas, P.J., RM3; Wieland, J.J., ETR3; Heim, W.F., ETSN; Bush, D.J., ETSN; McClung, W.L., ETSN; Montgomery, R.L. ETSN; Wo, R.N. Wyatt.

Radio Central

CR

COMMUNICATIONS (C-R - RADIOMAN and ET s)

Back Row - Left to Right: Hayward, C. H. TE(RM)1, Olive, J. J. RM1, Murray, R.P. RMSN, Benhoff, D.L. RMSN, Smith, W.D. RM3, Reimer, K.W. RMSN, Trexler, P.J. RM3, Front Row - Left to Right: Beaston, J.F. RMSN, Beauchamp, C. A. RMSN, Cote, B.G. RM3, Roberts, R.D. RM3, Reeves, L.E. RMSN, Bowman, R.G., RM3 USN (who is a short timer)

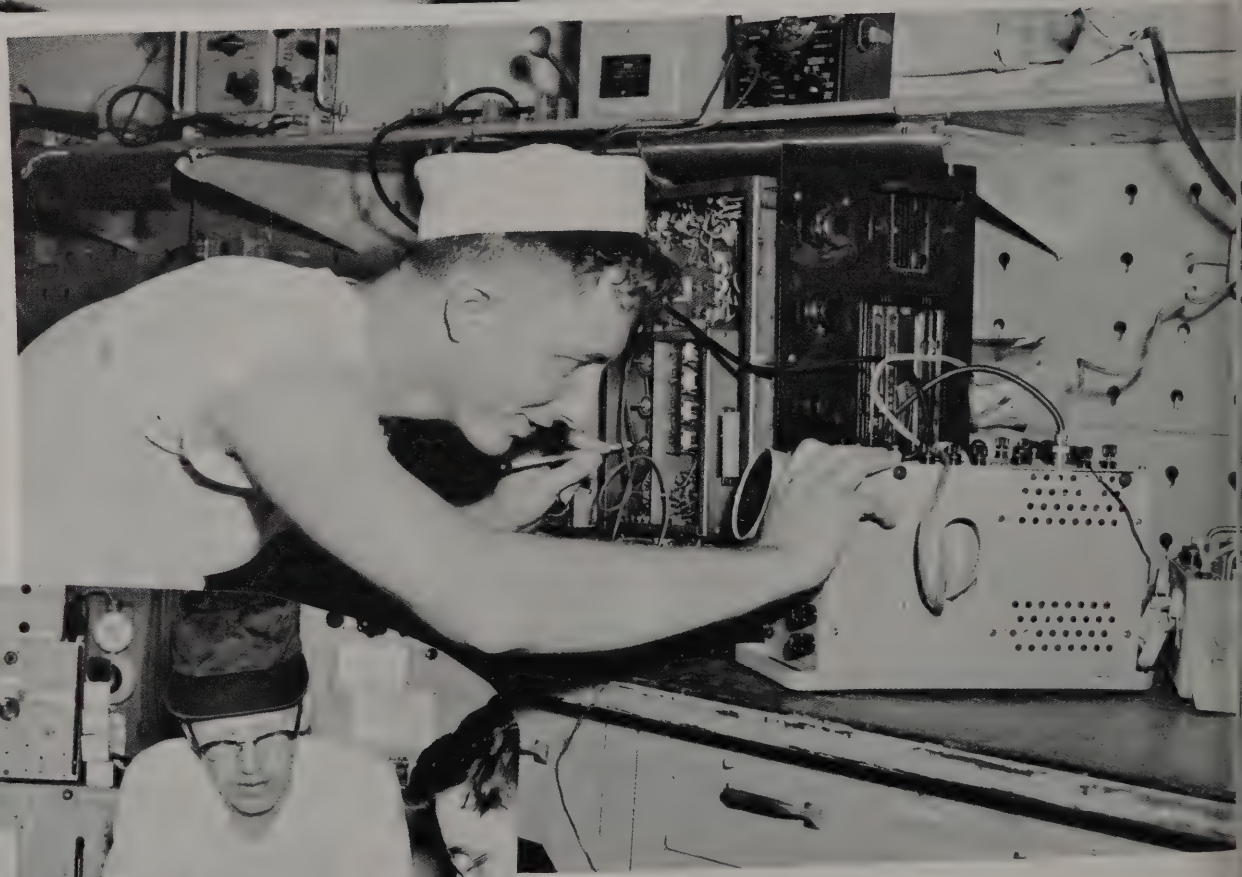
Button Button

Getting the word

WYATT EARP'S

Electronic Material Office

MEN AT



ET shop

WORK

Radar transmitter room

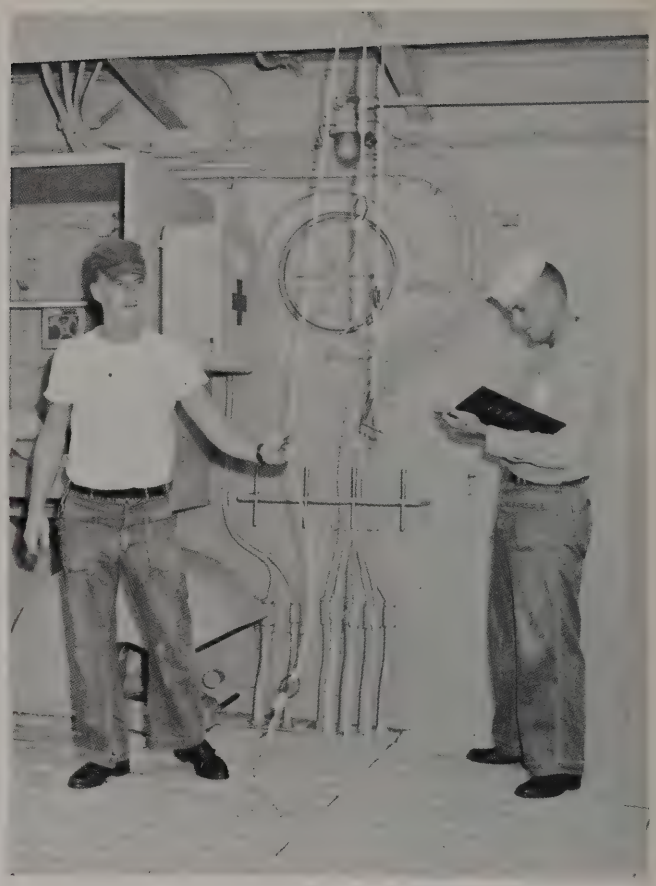
CS DIVISION

Back Row: Left to Right: Funk, O.N. SMCS, Rugg, W.P. SN, Mahorney, T.L. SN, LT. R.A. Bennett. Front Row - Left to Right: Riffey, T.J. SM2, Ciske, R.G. SM3, Crutchfield, T.L. SM2.

CS

Sending message via signal light

They're flying the Jolly Roger, Captain.



Raise the flag

Signal Gang

Back Row: Left to Right: Dunne, R.T. SN, Brimm, R.J. SN, Hammond, J.L. SN, Huber, A.R. SN, Brooks, F.A. SN, Richburg, G.E. SN, Sloan, T. S. SN, Front Row, Left to Right: Hale, J. (N) QM2, Larrabee, J.E. SN, Statt, L.C. LCDR. A.E. Longwill, Waxtel, R.E. QMSN, Sneed, J.A. QM3, Peters, I.T. SN.

NAVIGATION

Chart House

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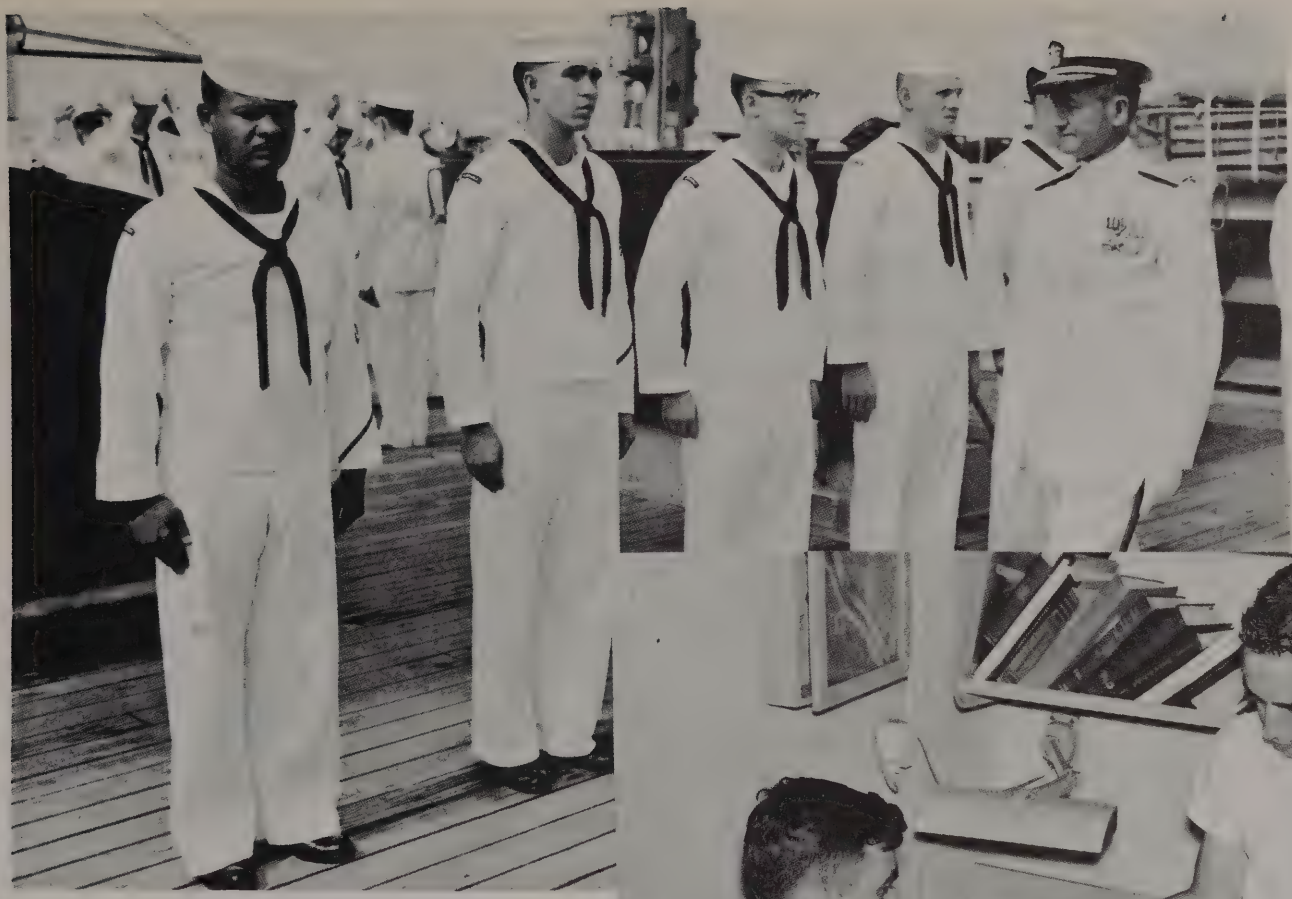
DIVISION

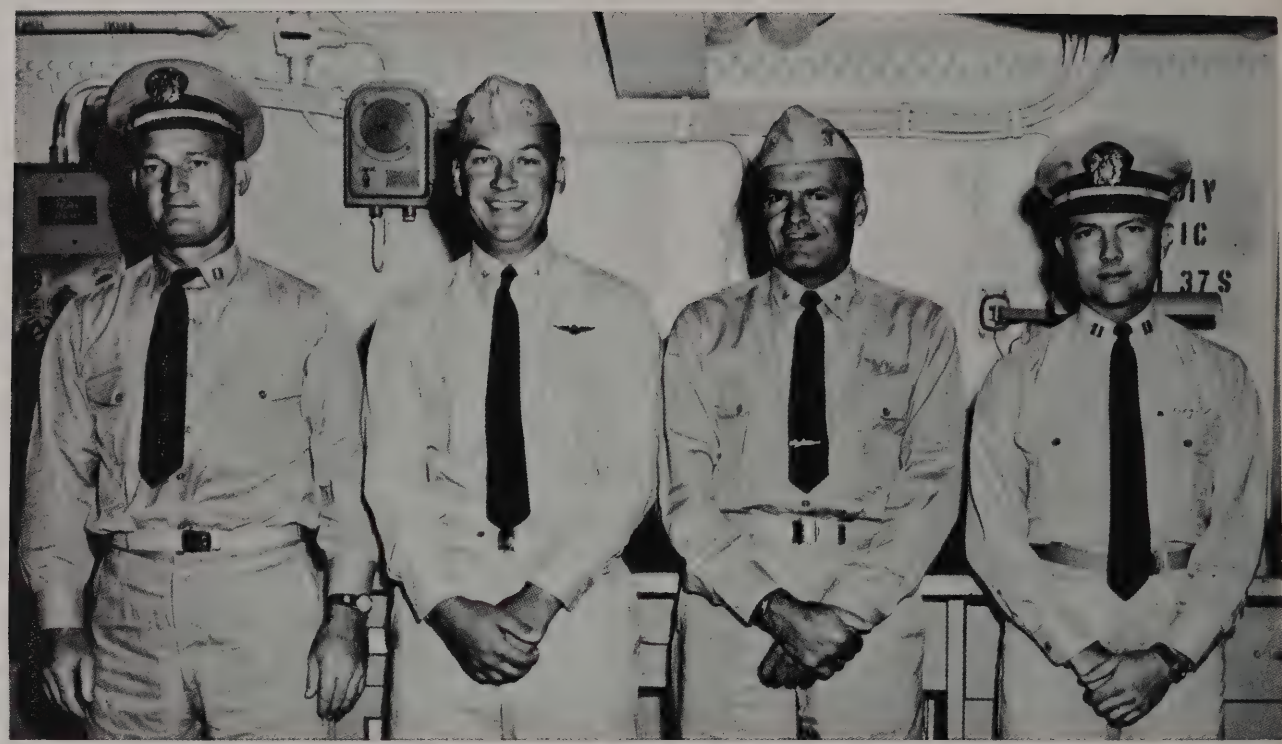


Rear Admiral Clark inspects

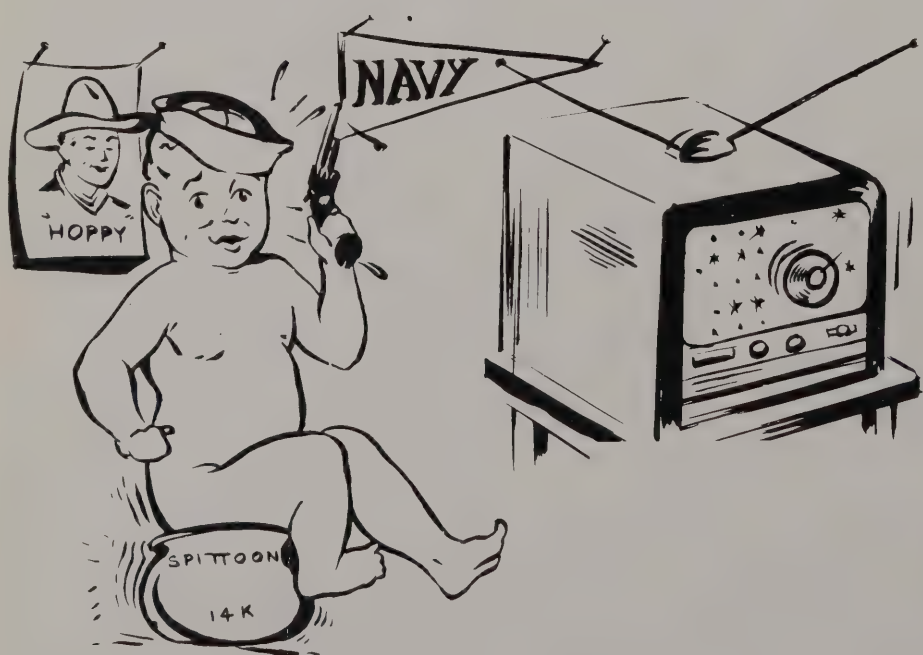
Late Entry

I hope my watch is right

Where are we?



LT. R. (n) Perry, LCDR M.E. Morris, CDR F.J. Shaw, LT. J.E. McBrayer



OPERATIONS
Department

CDR. Shaw

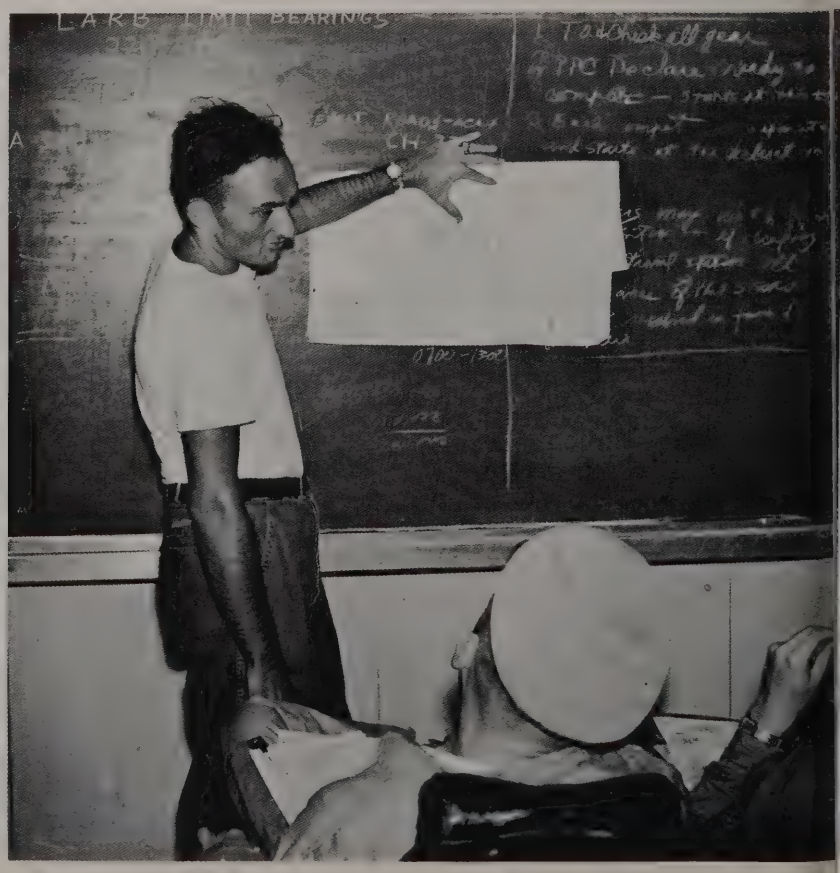
Front Row: Left to Right: Gobberdiel, J.M. PH3; Stockton, D.F. PH1; Walsh, J.P. YN2, Dziekonski, R. (N) PHGAN; Lt. J.E. McBrayer, Jr.; CMDR. F.J. Shaw.

The ship's photographers

OP DIVISION

Back Row: Left to Right: Lt. R. Perry, Hovell, J. A. AGAN, Milavec, T. I. AG3, Enyeart, B.H. AG 3, McKay, J.D. AGAN, Henriksen, W. P. AGAN, Harger, L.R. AGC, Front Row: Left to Right: Graves, R. A. AGAN, Melrose, R. L. Parsons, P.D. AN, Kazanowski, R.H. AN, Kornspan, R.S. AG2.

OA DIVISION



Kornspan holding squadron pre-flight weather briefings

L to R. McKay, Parsons, Hovell, Melrose

Tuning in "RATT" weather

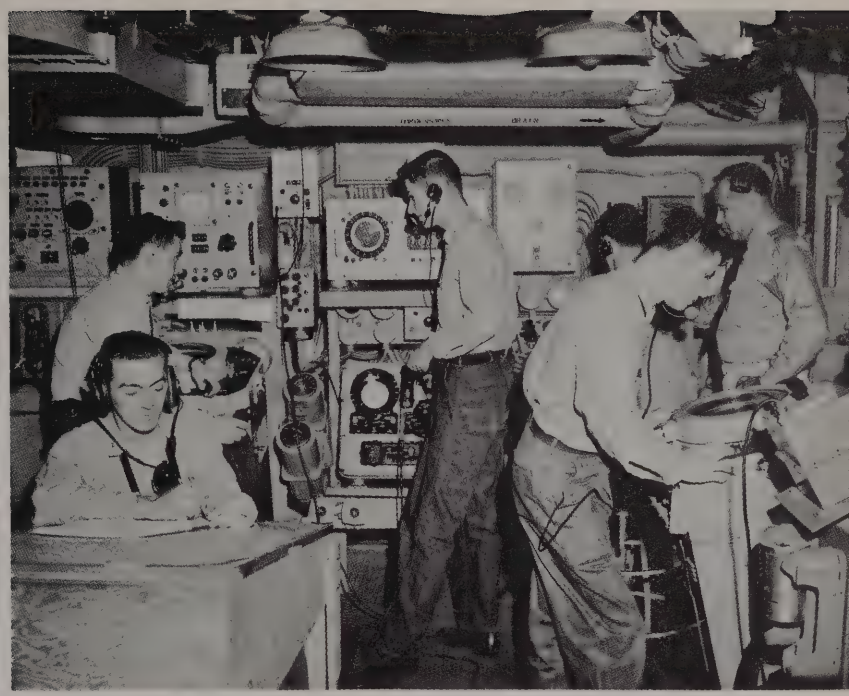
"RABAL" sounding in progress

Back Row: Left to Right: Morris, M.E. LCDR, Small, R.S. RD3, Bonny, J.F. ACT2, Croushorn, S.L. ACT3, Smith, D.E. RD3, Arundel, R.F. RDC, Front Row, Left to Right: Ridley, J.E. AN, Harrison, T.J. ACT3, Martin, R.J. RD1.

01 DIVISION

Reports . . . By Ridley

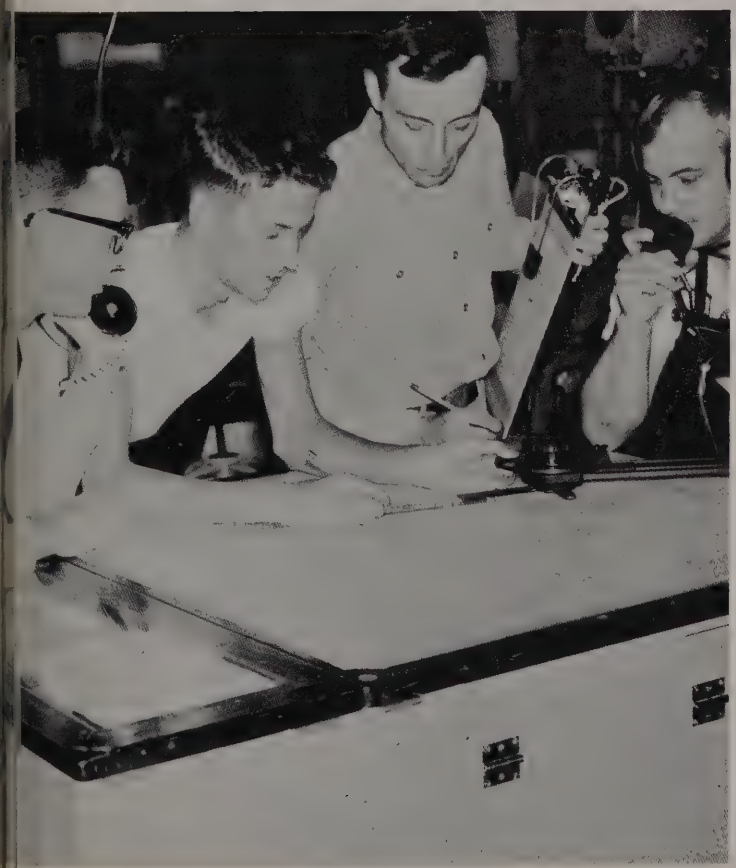
"This is Albemarle tower...over"



Organized confusion.....

CIC IN OPERATION

You are now on final approach, I think . . . . .



"Hello...Long distance?"

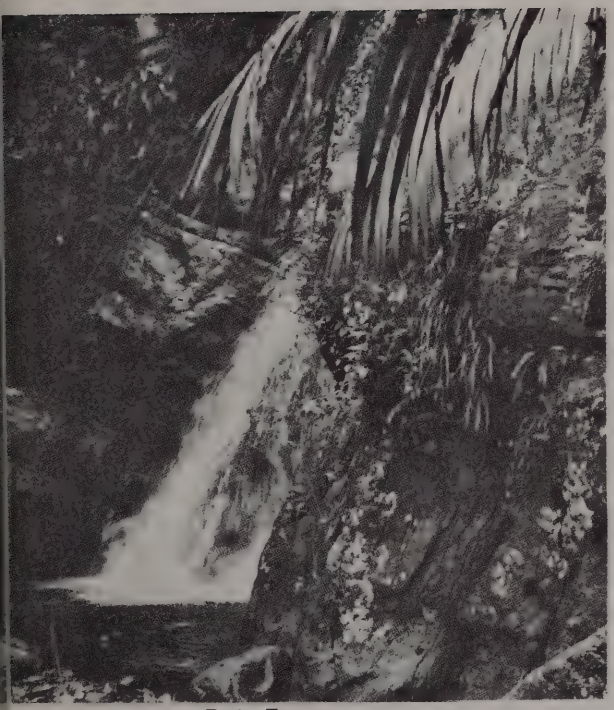
OPERATION RESCUE

After completing operations with the USS ALBEMARLE during Operation Springboard, the seaplanes of squadron VP-44 returned to Norfolk, Virginia. While in flight the starboard engine of one of the planes caught on fire and was forced to land on the open sea. With its one remaining engine, the plane taxied in calm seas to Grand Turk Island, Bahamas, some 200 miles away. At Grand Turk the USS ALBEMARLE refueled the plane and then sailed with her to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. When they arrived in Guantanamo Bay, the seaplane had taxied about 520 miles in two and one-half days, the longest taxie run ever recorded by a seaplane.

The Marlin seaplane was left at Guantanamo Bay, and at the end of Operation Springboard was hoisted aboard the ALBEMARLE (as indicated in the above pictures) and brought back to its home base, Norfolk.

SAN JUAN

Luquillo Beach, Puerto Rico



Rain Forest

"Limbo" Dance

SAN JUAN is the capital city of Puerto Rico. It is located on an inlet in the northeastern coast and connected by a bridge with its large suburb, Santurce, on the main island. It was founded in 1521. From 1625 to 1797 it was often attacked by the British, Dutch and French, but always succeeded in repelling the invaders. The old part of the city is enclosed by midieval walls and defended by old fortresses, including Morro Castle (now Fort Brooke) at the entrance to the harbor. It has been the seat of the island government throughout the Spanish and American regimes with the exception of the few years before it was founded. It has many old buildings including La Frotaleza (1529), residence of the Governor, and Casa Blanca (1527) home of the commanding officer U.S. Army forces in Puerto Rico. Fort Brooke is the headquarters for the Antilles department of the U.S. Army. Also, in San Juan are located the U.S. Naval Station and the headquarters of the Caribbean Sea Frontier Commander.

AT THE BEACH

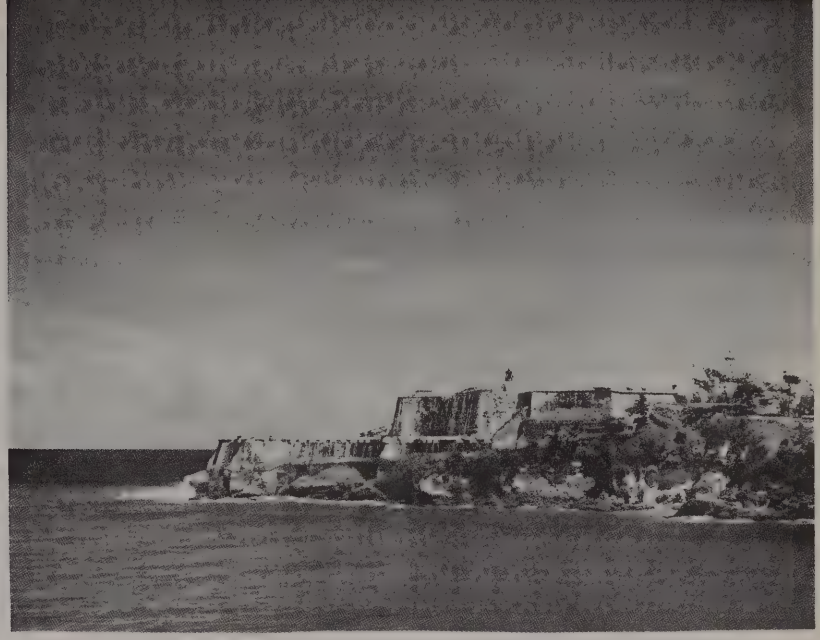
USS ALBEMARLE at Naval Station Pier

ALBEMARLE marches on All American Day in San Juan.

Statue of Ponce de Leon

The silver altar

El Morro Castle



El Morro Castle

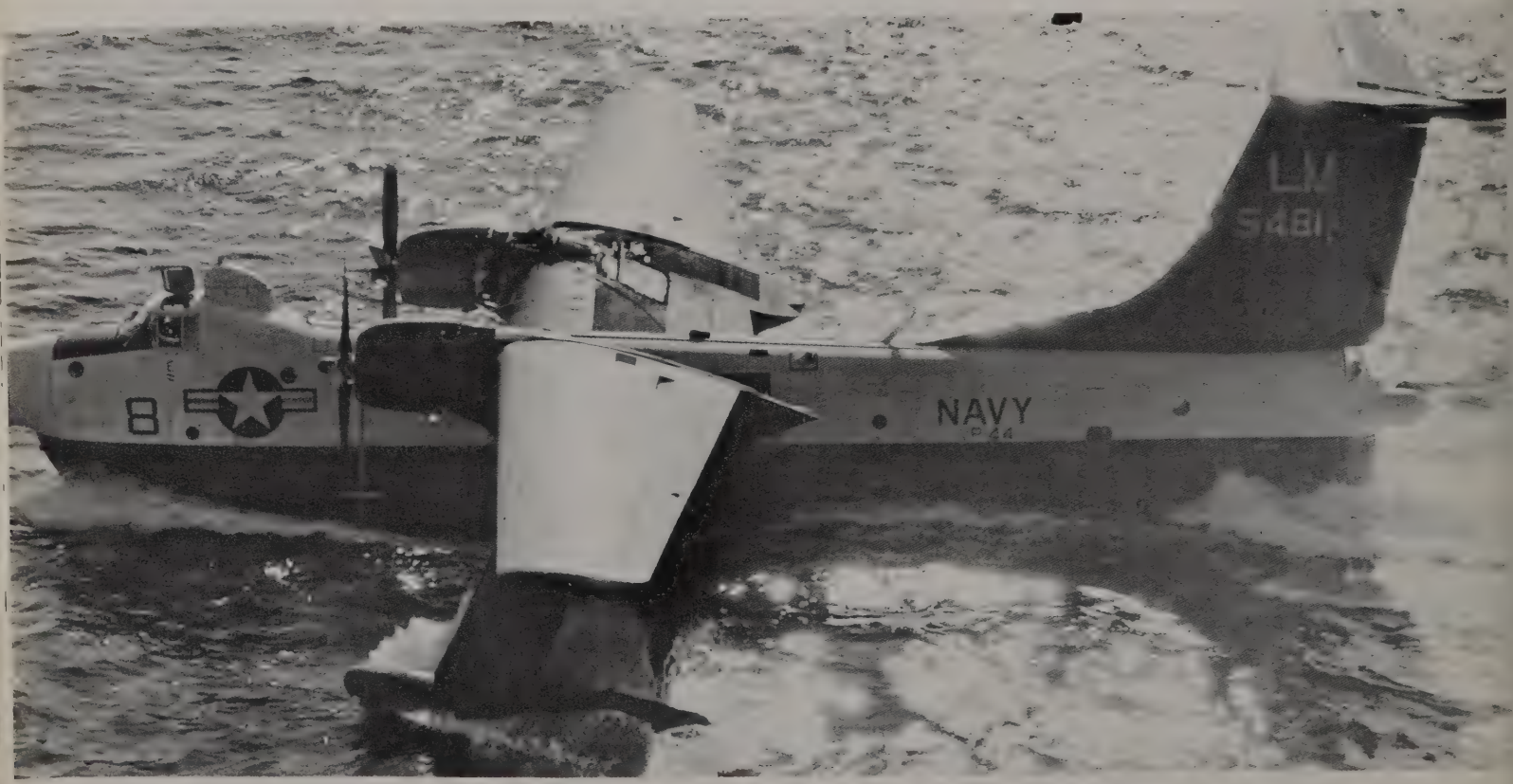
Capital Building

Casa De Espana

VP-44

CDR E.M. Ward, Capt. C.A. Melvin, VP-44 Skipper, CDR L.W. Frawley, and CDR E.E. Wilson.

Repairing Engine



Downed P5M

Preparing to beach

VP-45

Skipper CDR H.M Durham

Gasing Up!

For replenishment

3-point landing

VP-49

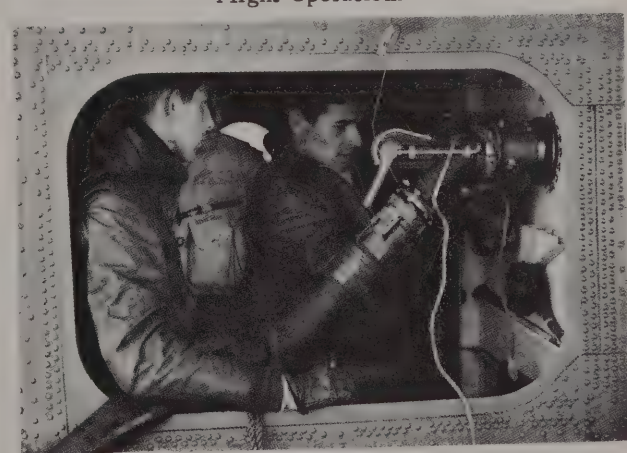
VP-49 Skipper, CDR Woodward and Rear Admiral Gallery, COMTEN viewing seaplane operations

Albemarle CO and XO, Bermuda Squadron VP-49 CO and XO

Checking engine

Capt. C.A. Melvin, Cdr. R.L. Morris, Cdr. J.L. Montgomery, Cdr. B.S. Larkins.

Flight Operations



Refueling

Formation take-off

VP-56

SHIP'S Activities

Our beloved barber, Amberg and the Gedonke sailor Marshall.

HAPPY HOURS

Representing: Supply Dept., Air Dept., and Mess Cooks.

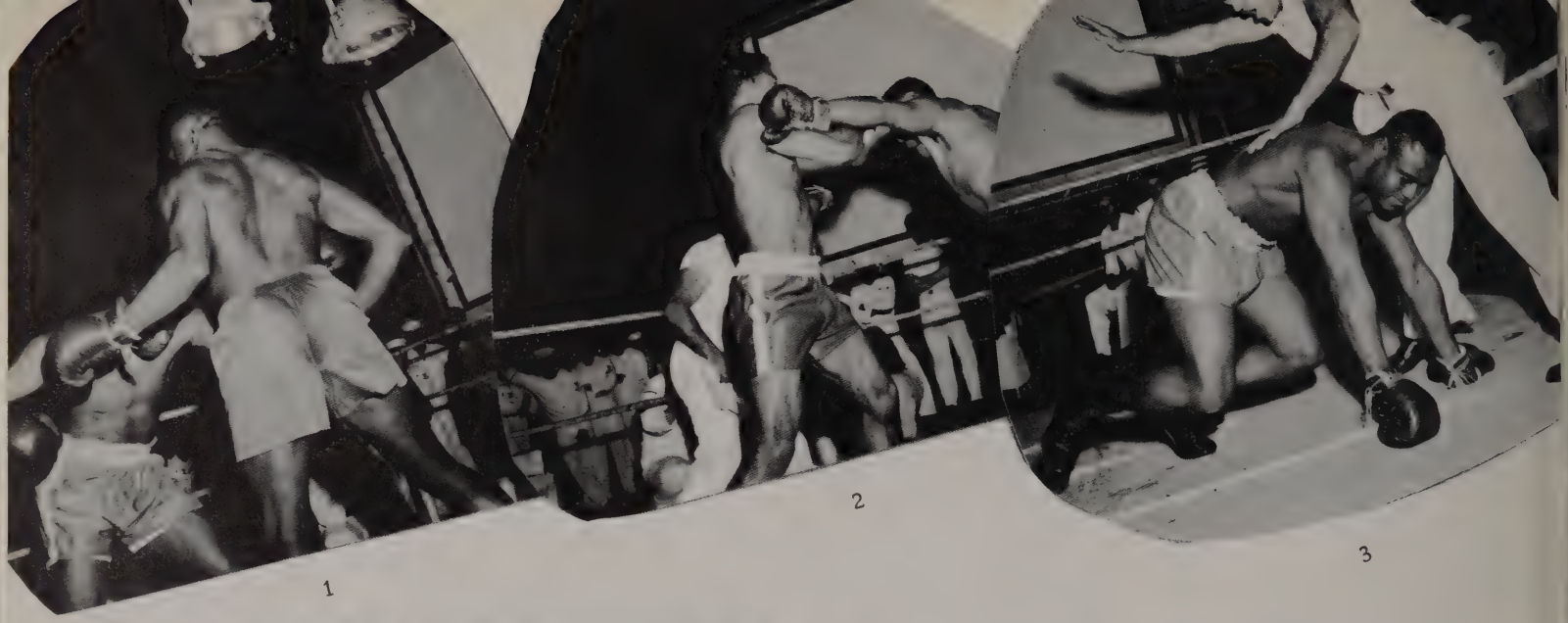
Smoker

Dig the blonde in the front row.

Signalman sings

Cool

The pride of a division



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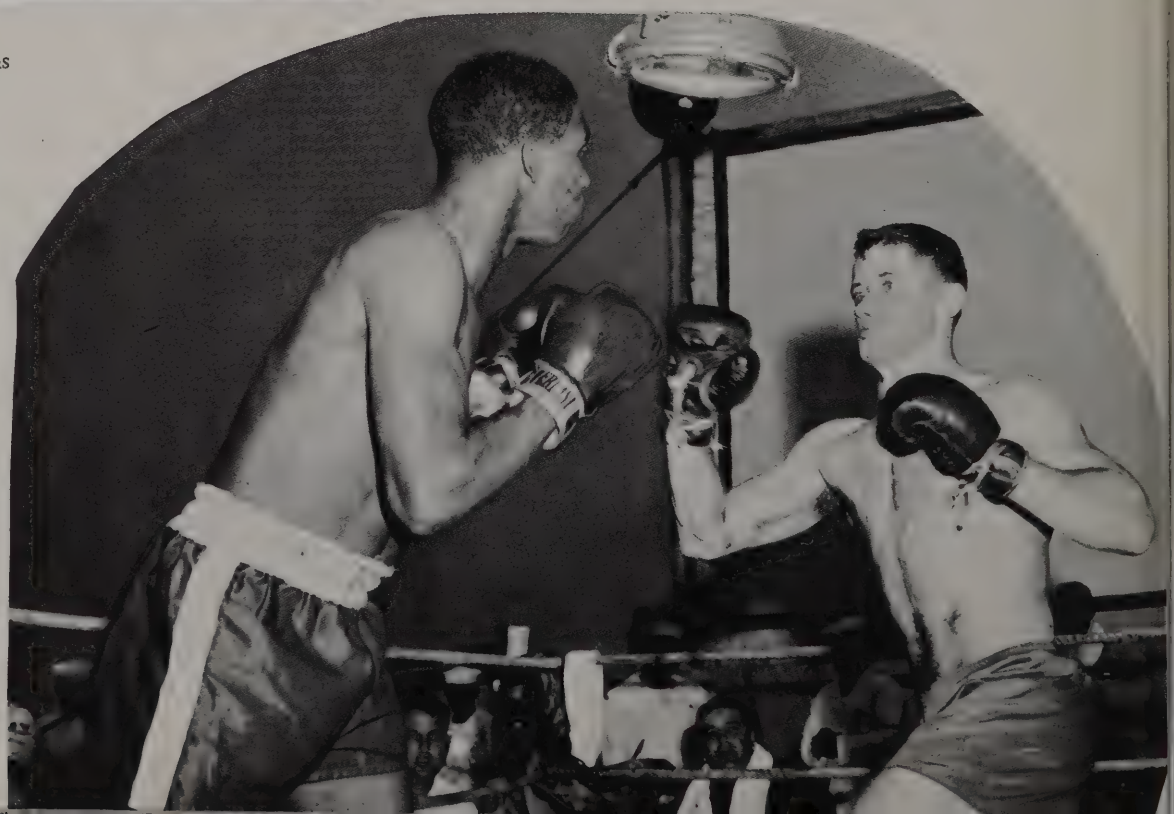
Vespa wins

IN

THE RING

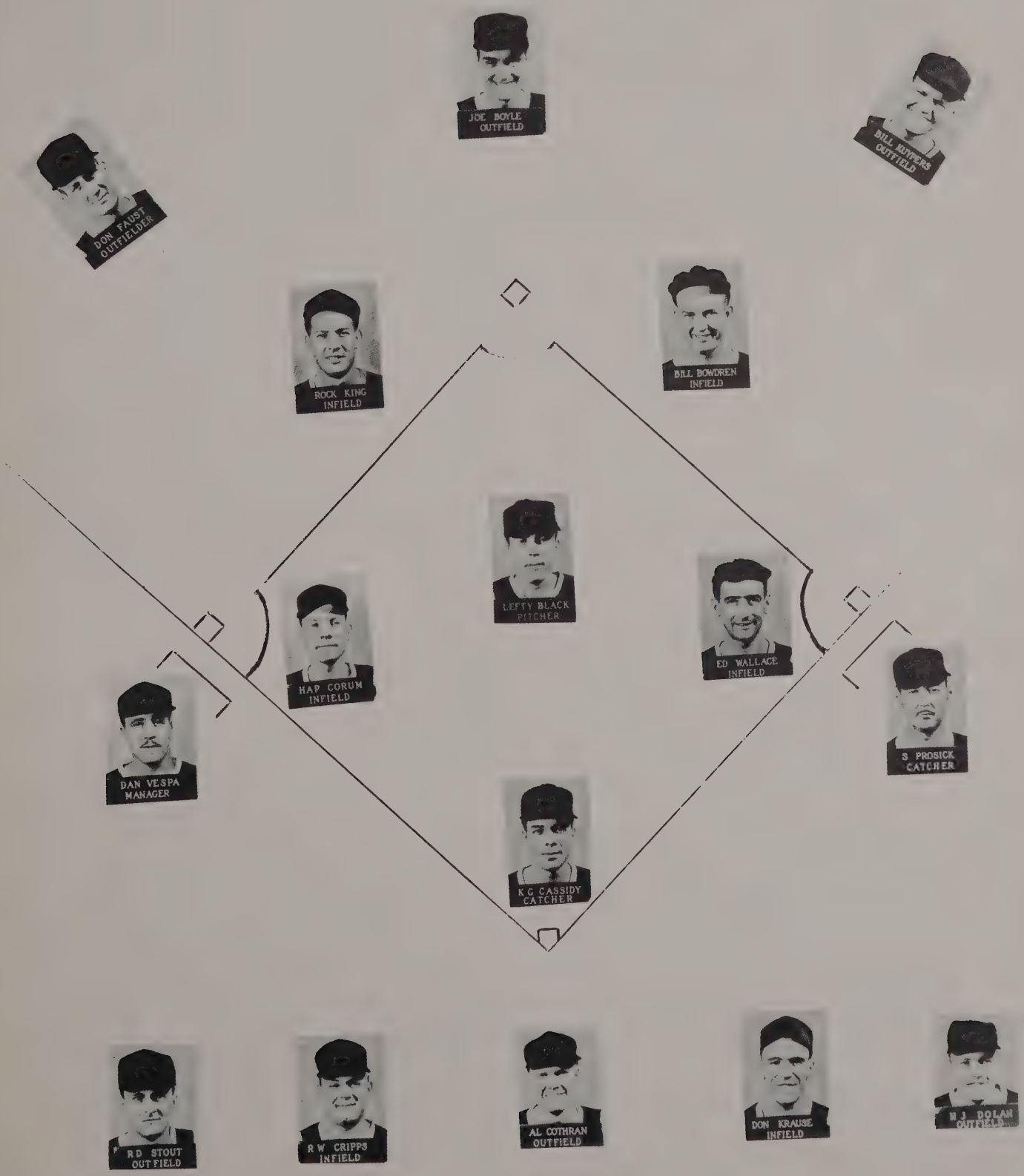
AT THE

SMOKER



USS Albemarle AV-5
Softball Team

1959



BASKETBALL 1959

2nd PLACE COM NAV AIR LANT

1960 TEAM

AROUND THE ALBEMARLE

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Capt. V.P. de Poix, USN
CO, 3 April 1959-12 Oct. 1959

Capt. C.A. Melvin, USN
CO, 12 Oct. 1959–

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Easter Service (Port Side)

Protestant Easter Service (Starboard Side)

Protestant Choir

Easter Sunday Mass

Protestant Service on Mess Deck

XMAS
MERRY
1959

Open House Albemarle Style

SPORTS

In Competition

Fox and W & G champs 1960

Captain throws out first ball

Ship's Bowling League
in action

A & R

Runner Up
1960

INTRA-MURAL ACTION

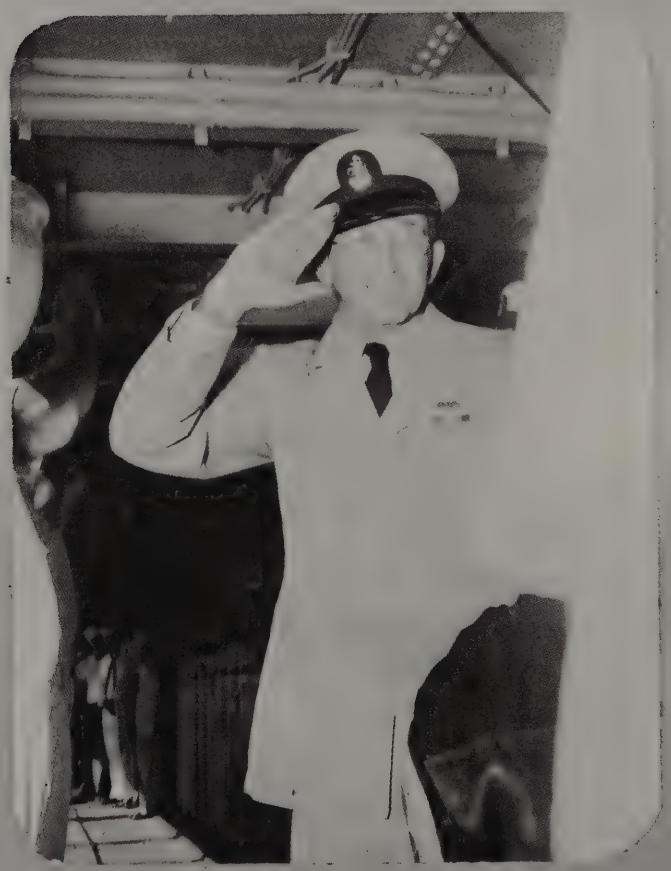
Softball in San Juan

Vollyball at Salinas Beach

SHIP'S DANCE

SAN JUAN

FAREWELL



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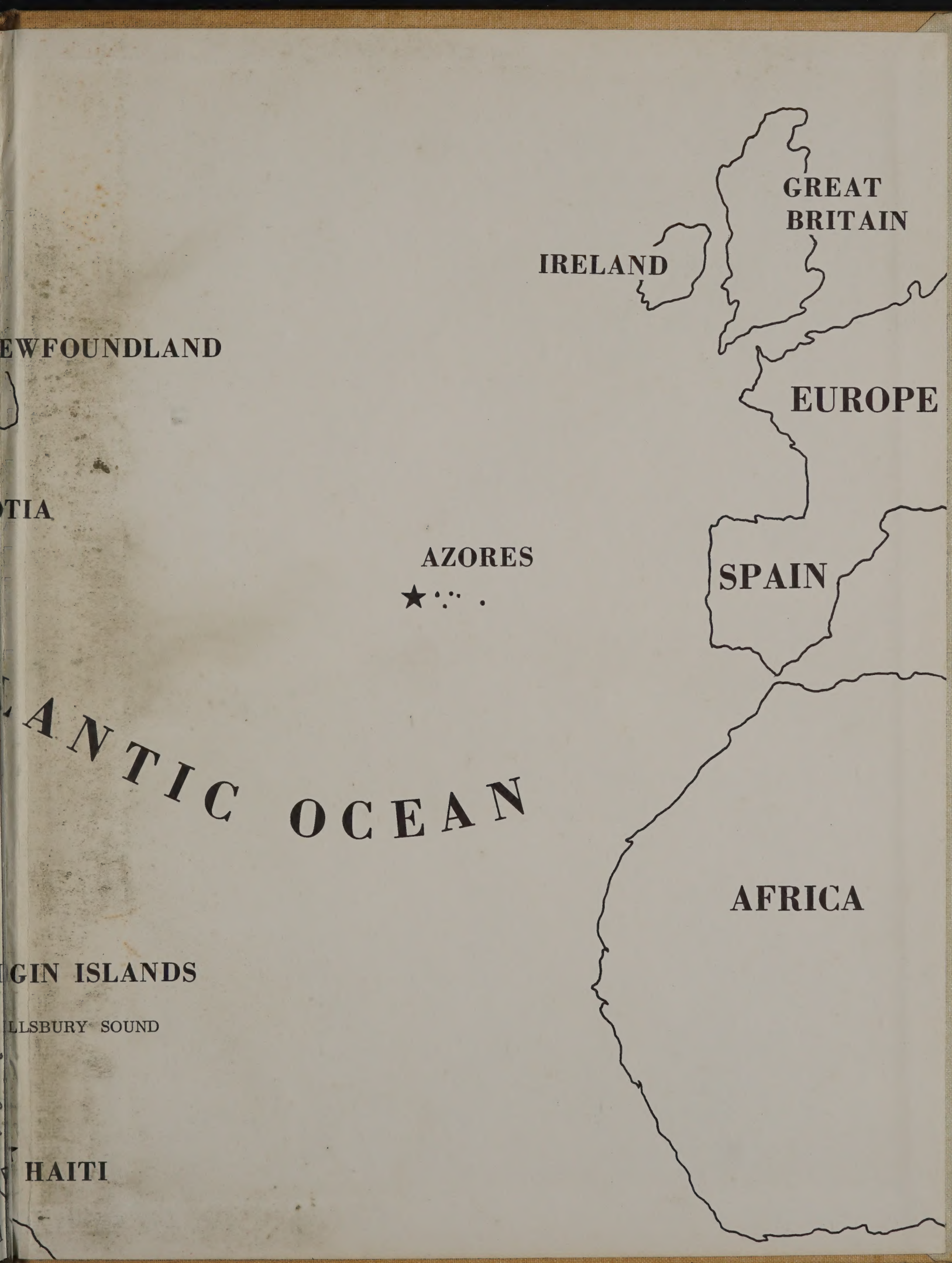
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